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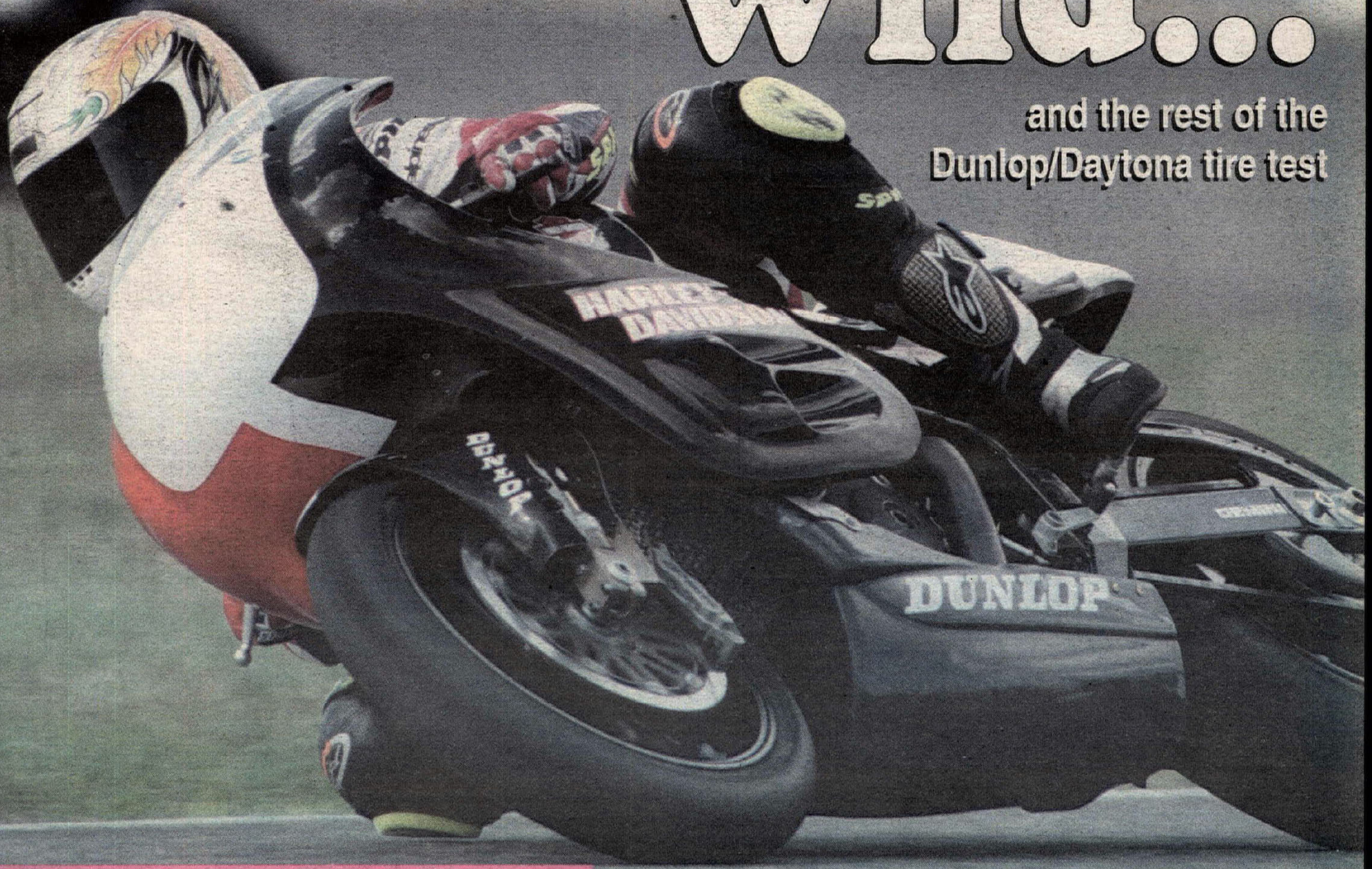
and the rest of the Dunlop/Daytona tire test



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Ty Davis and **Donnie Book** (Yam) teamed up to win the Terrible Town's 250 off-road race in Pahrump, Nevada, on November 5. The Open-class team actually crossed the finish line as the second motorcycle, but took the win on adjusted time by 42 seconds over **Johnny Campbell** (Hon), who soloed the race and finished second overall. Third overall went to the **Nick** and **Russ Pearson** (KTM) team, followed by the top 250cc team of **Bryan Folks** and **David Pearson** (KTM). Rounding out the top five was the Over 30 team of **Daryl Folks** and **Rich Bozarth** (KTM). For winning, Davis and Book pocketed the $10,000 that was up for grabs in the motorcycle division of the Casey Folks' Silver State Best in the Desert Series race.

Four different riders went home with wins in rounds nine and 10 of the AMA/PJ1 National Arenacross Series in Rockford, Illinois, December 4-5. On Friday night, **Denny Stephenson** (Hon) scored the win in the 125cc Pro class, while **Cliff Palmer** (Kaw) topped the 250cc Pro final. On Saturday night, **Jeff Willoh** (Hon) scored the 125cc Pro victory, while defending champ **Buddy Antunez** (Suz) earned the 250cc Pro final win. Palmer maintains the series points lead with 299, followed by Antunez with 290 and Chad Pederson with 282.

Although AMA Superbike National Champion **Doug Chandler** is still refusing to comment regarding his situation with **Kawasaki** and the **Rob Muzzy** team, Muzzy updated the situation during the Dunlop tire tests at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, on November 6. He believes the situation will soon right itself. Chandler wasn't on hand at the test, though Muzzy said that was due mainly to timing and the fact that the crew is short-handed with the departure of longtime crew chief Gary Medley. "I can't say much about it other than that Doug had some concerns that were very important to him," Muzzy said. "Some of them, certainly, I agree with - some of them I probably don't. Some of them Kawasaki probably agrees with and some of them they don't. And so we've been working towards trying to come up with a happy solution for everybody. From my side, the bottom line is that I have a lot of respect for Doug; he's done a great job for us and I'd like to do whatever we can to keep the program together and have a viable solution. But you've got to remember that there's three people involved in this - there's myself, there's Kawasaki and there's Doug. We've got to come up with something that works for everybody, because not everybody has the same agenda. I believe we've done that. As far as I know, we have accomplished that and we'll be moving forward for '99 with Doug. He had strong concerns, which he's always voiced, about the 600 - frankly, he has never wanted to ride the 600, and Kawasaki really wanted him to ride the 600. That was part of his new contract, but he still feels the same as he did and maybe even stronger. From my standpoint, I understand what he's saying, but still, when I look at the other things, I don't come to the conclusion that he does, because it's him. I'm sure there's things that I look at that he might sort of understand but not come to the same conclusion I do." According to Muzzy, Chandler won't compete in the 600cc Supersport class in 1999.

Italian road racer **Pier-Francesco Chili** recently completed a three-day test on the factory Suzuki GSX-R750 at the Suzuka Circuit in Suzuka City, Japan, December 1-3. The 34-year-old Chili ended up lapping at 2:10.5, just off the best lap turned in by Suzuki's lead All-Japan Superbike Series rider, Keiichi Kitagawa, who lapped at 2:09.6. "I don't know so well the four-cylinder Suzuki GSX-R," Chili said at the test. "I'm very satisfied, because my new bike is very competitive. The engine is powerful; we just need to work to have more power in low range. From the next test session, scheduled for January in Australia, we will begin to work around the chassis and suspension. I'm very happy and I'm very charged up about my new challenge. I hope to do a great '99 season." Katsuaki Fujiwara, Chili's teammate for the 1999 World Superbike Championship, also lapped at 2:10.5, according to *Cycle News* contributor Paolo Gozzi. Both riders used fuel-injected versions of the GSX-R750.

Italian **Piergiorgio Bontempi** has signed a contract to ride in the World Supersport Championship for the Yamaha Belgarda factory team, taking over for Vittoriano Guareschi, who recently signed to move up to the World Superbike team for Yamaha. Bontempi is on the road to recovery after breaking both wrists in the World Superbike round at Laguna Seca in July. The 600cc Yamaha team will also switch tire manufacturers for the coming season, changing from Michelin to Pirelli. Both Bontempi and his teammate Massimo Meregalli are scheduled to test next week in Spain.

According to *Cycle News* correspondent Paolo Gozzi, **Doriano Romboni** has inked a deal that will see him aboard factory Ducatis in the 1999 World Superbike Championship. Romboni's one-year deal will put him in the Benetton Group-backed team that will feature sponsorship from casual clothing line, Kappa. Ducati will supply the team with a full factory 996 as well as technical support and evolution parts. He will also have the services of former Pier-Francesco Chili tuner Franco Farne. The 29-year-old Romboni has raced in 125, 250 and 500cc Grand Prix. "I signed a one-year contract and I'm very happy to switch to superbike with Ducati," Romboni said. "Also, last year Ducati offered me a factory bike, but I was already under contract with MuZ and I wasn't able to answer yes. I don't know four-stroke bikes, but I will have three months of winter tests to learn the secrets of Ducati. My goal: to win any race - why not?" The Kappa Ducati team will also field Mauro Lucchiari in the World Supersport Championship.

Complete resurfacing of the **Phillip Island** Grand Prix circuit was scheduled to begin on December 1, with the entire project slated to be completed by Christmas. In addition to the resurfacing of the Australian track, a number of gravel traps will be added to further improve the safety of one of the world's most popular race tracks. The traps will be placed in turn two, exiting turn three to turn four, turn six, turn eight and turn 12. IRTA is scheduled to hold its annual Grand Prix test session at the track on January 28.

Speaking of Phillip Island, the **Australian Grand Prix** that was held there at the end of the 1998 World Championship Road Race season was recently voted as **Best Grand Prix of 1998** by IRTA, the team's association. According to IRTA, the Australian round barely topped the Italian Grand Prix, which was held in Mugello. The Czech Republic Grand Prix, held in Brno, finished third in the voting.

There appears to be a considerable amount of movement afoot in the AMA Grand National Championship Series, as riders, teams and sponsors

Supertrackers to debut in 1999

AMA Pro Racing has announced that it is moving forward with the Project 2000 dirt track concept by introducing the AMA SuperTracker Series for 1999.

The decision to move forward with the series rules and proposed 10-race 1999 schedule came after a recent meeting of Grand National Dirt Track industry professionals, who met in Las Vegas during the weekend of the November 21 AMA National Champions Awards Banquet. The series will exist in conjunction with the Grand National and Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance series, with SuperTracker races held as part of the program at select 1999 Grand National race venues. The complete 1999 SuperTracker event schedule will be announced in mid-December.

To encourage teams to invest in the development of SuperTracker motorcycles, AMA Pro Racing has committed to a three-year program of SuperTracker races, with a review of rules and series progress slated two years into the program. AMA Pro Racing has guaranteed that current Grand National and Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance equipment standards will remain in place during the three-year SuperTracker review period, and riders licensed to compete in the Grand National or Harley-Davidson Sportster Performance series will also be eligible for SuperTracker competition. SuperTracker races will run with a minimum of eight motorcycles, with entries from a variety of engine manufacturers. Purses are yet to be determined but are expected to be between $5000 and $10,000 per race.

An official AMA Competition Bulletin detailing all 1999 SuperTracker series rules will be issued after December 14, 1998. The following tentative rules are subject to change, but they do provide general equipment standards.

- Engines from approved, 49-state DOT legal motorcycles. Twin-cylinder, 900cc to 1000cc maximum, four-stroke, air- or liquid-cooled, up- or downsized to class limit. Carburetor or production fuel injection is allowed, but carbureted engines may not be modified for fuel injection. Fuel-injected engines may be modified for carburetion.
- Tires will be the same as current GNC tire rules.
- Fuel will be the same as current GNC fuel rules.
- Bodywork behind the rider will be sized to current road race rules.
- Heads on two-valve pushrod motors can be replaced with available two-valve aftermarket heads.
- Number plates will be black with white numbers.
- Minimum weight: 315 lbs. dry, 319 lbs. wet.
- Aluminum or steel frames (only) are permitted.

A committee of knowledgeable dirt track sanctioning body members, team owners and enthusiasts has been formed to help guide the new class. They include: Dave Burks, president, Dirt Track Owners Group; Greg Crow, tuner, Gardner Racing; Don Emde, sponsorship consultant, AMA Grand National Dirt Track Series; Gary Stolzenburg, race promoter and owner of F&S Harley-Davidson/Suzuki; Dave Despain, member, AMA Pro Racing Board of Directors; Bruce Bober, race manager, AMA Grand National Dirt Track Series; Rob King, national technical manager, AMA Pro Racing; Mark Tuttle, chairman, AMA Pro Racing, and Merrill Vanderslice, director of competition, AMA Pro Racing.

Russell signs with Harley-Davidson

Former AMA and World Superbike Champion and five-time Daytona 200 winner Scott Russell signed a two-year contract with Harley-Davidson on Friday, November 4, that will see the Georgian riding the VR1000 in the 1999 and 2000 AMA Superbike National Championship Series. Fittingly, Mr. Daytona signed the contract at Daytona International Speedway, the site of the Dunlop tire tests, November 4-6.

"It took us a little while longer than I thought it would," Russell said during a break in the action at Daytona on November 5. "I put the Yamaha deal together in about four days - this took two weeks."

Russell said that rumors of him talking to Harley during the World Superbike season - when team manager Steve Schiebe and others members of Harley turned up at the Austrian round of the series - were false.

"That was nothing," Russell said. "Nothing ever happened until two weeks ago."

For the past two years, Russell has competed in the World Superbike Series on a factory Yamaha without much success. The move to Harley also puts Russell back on Dunlop tires.

"I cut my teeth on Dunlop, so I can deal with that," Russell said. "I'm happy to be back on the Dunlops after the season I had this year - it was sad."

Many question how much Russell has left to give, but he says there's plenty.

"I'm looking forward to it," Russell said. "This is the biggest challenge of my career - right here. This is it. I am the underdog right now. I wouldn't be here if I couldn't get motivated for this."

As to whether or not the two-year deal with Harley will conclude his stellar career, the 34-year-old Russell said, "We'll see how we're doing at the end of the two years."

To see how Russell fared during his initial ride on the VR1000, see our complete coverage of the Dunlop tests that start on page 6.

have begun to gear up for the 1999 series campaign. Effective after the 1998 Del Mar Mile, mechanic **Skip Eaken** and Team Saddleman/1-800-FASTHOG called it a day - on friendly terms. Since then, **Will Davis** has also parted company with Tom Cummings Racing and has made a deal that will pair him with Eaken for '99. "It's a done deal," Eaken said, noting that the team is still hunting for title sponsorship. "Davey and I had been together for five years, and it was time for a change. I called up Will to see what he was doing. We've talked about getting together in the past. We've decided to get together and try and win this thing." That left **Davey Camlin** out of a ride - but only temporarily, as he just as quickly signed a two-year deal with **Gardner Racing**. "This has been in the works for a while," Camlin said. "It was just that Skip and I always had something together by the time that they (Gardner) would want to get together. But I am excited to be with these guys. I know their bikes are good, and they're only 90 miles from me, and all the sponsors are close. It's kind of like the home team. And Skip and I didn't really 'break up' - we're all still friends." Unconfirmed reports claim that current Gardner Racing rider **Dan Stanley** is not contracted with the team, but he will start the season with them, and his status will be based upon performance.

Two-time Australian Superbike Champion **Martin Craggill** is set to join the official Suzuki GB team to contest the 1999 British Superbike Championship. Craggill, a seven-year member of the Kawasaki team in Australia, will join fellow Australians Warwick Nowland and Troy Bayliss in the title chase. Craggill reportedly earned the spot over reigning British Superbike Champion Niall Mackenzie and Neil Hodgson. Mackenzie had signed a letter of intent with Suzuki in case Yamaha U.K. pulled out of the championship, but it now appears that Mackenzie will run in a one-bike Yamaha team without last year's sponsor, Cadbury. Hodgson, meanwhile, is being tipped to join one of the Ducati teams in the British Championship, according to *Cycle News* contributor Darryl Flack.

The 1999 **Orland Indoor Short Track Series** will kick off at the Glenn County Fairgrounds in Northern California, February 6-7. Races will be run every weekend in the month of February, concluding February 27-28. For more information, call Ted Taylor at 530/476-3001.

Newly crowned 250cc World Champion **Loris Capirossi** - punished after taking out Aprilia teammate Tetsuya Harada in Argentina to tie up the title - has been exonerated by the FIM and dumped by Aprilia, within little more than the space of a week. Reports in the Italian press say that Capirossi will take the number-one plate to Honda, riding an NSR for Fausto Gresini, himself also a former 125cc World Champion, who this year ran Alex Barros in the 500cc class. They further suggest that Aprilia had planned to fire Capirossi because of his last-corner kamikaze attack - only to be thwarted when the FIM officially let him off, restoring the 20 points that had been stripped by FIM stewards at the track. Capirossi has stopped a long way short of apology. "In the same situation, I would probably do it again. As I said at the time, I was going for the championship."

Max Biaggi for Yamaha? On and then off again, the deal now appears to be close to completion, with the Italian four-time 250cc World Champion and 1998 500cc runner-up due to test in the near future. The progress of the deal has had all the drama of an Italian opera. Max, his sponsor Marlboro, and Yamaha had edged almost all the way to a multimillion-dollar deal at the start of October - but three weeks later, in Argentina, it had fallen to pieces. Inside sources revealed that Yamaha had firmly closed the door when Biaggi came back to them with a series of extra demands, on top of what had already been agreed upon. Among the items he required was a Yamaha grand piano. Now the mood has changed again, and it looks like Mick Doohan's strongest rival will be making his attack from the opposite camp in 1999.

The **Riverside Old-Timers MX Club** is up and running and looking for 40 year-old-and-older racers to join the club. The Riverside club is the newest of the 10 chapters that comprise the Old-Timers MX Association. The club is made up of four classes, and members race twice a month at various tracks. The club is offering a free day of racing for all members on Saturday, December 19, at Carlsbad Raceway in Carlsbad, California. For more information, call Jim McConnell at 714/996-8327.

Tickets are now on sale for the **GFI $50,000 Invitational Supercross**, scheduled for January 3 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas, Nevada. GFI has made a schedule change to the program in Vegas, with practice now scheduled for Saturday, January 2. Sunday's program will consist of both the GFI Winter Series Warm-Up and the Supercross. For more information, call 909/653-4042.

According to a release issued by **Moto Liberty**, a red pickup truck reportedly smashed through the storefront window of the Carrollton, Texas, dealership, and thieves then stole some $10,000 worth of Dainese and Fieldsheer leathers. Moto Liberty is offering a $1000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the burglars. For more information, call Audrey at 972/242-6440.

Racing Enterprises Motorsports will celebrate its year-end Saturday Motocross Series with a food drive at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California, on December 19. All riders who bring a nonperishable food item or new unwrapped toy will be entered in a holiday raffle. For more information, call REM at 619/484-1441.

The American Trials Association (ATA) has announced that the 29th annual **El Trial de Espana** will be held at Reed Valley in Aguanga, California, April 17-18, 1999. Aguanga is located approximately 25 miles east of Temecula. "The ATA are pleased to be able to stage the events at the same site as last year," ATA president Bill Markam said. "It makes our job much easier and provides a known environment to the riders, spectators and media." For more information on the event, call 714/892-3906.

Both support classes in the **Toyota Canada Superbike Championship** have had their maximum horsepower limits raised for 1999. Competitors in the 600cc Sport Bike class will be allowed to run up to 105 horsepower in postrace tech, while the Open Sport Bike class limit is now 140 horsepower. Both classes will retain a minimum weight of 380 pounds.

Henry goes sleddin'

AMA 250cc National Motocross Champion Doug Henry made his professional snowcross racing debut at the World Snowmobile Association season opener in Deluth, Minnesota, November 27-29.

Henry competed out of a familiar blue Yamaha semi, but on a not-so-familiar blue Yamaha snowmobile. Henry raced in the X Games qualifiers and the Pro 600cc class. Although he failed to qualify for the Pro 600 final, he looked comfortable and was very competitive during his time on the track. Record high temperatures of 60 degrees took their toll on the snow and forced the cancellation of the Pro 440 and Pro Open races on November 29.

Henry wasn't the only motocrosser in action at the event, as Cory Keeney made his debut in the Pro class - riding for Polaris.

John Wicklund

The **Titan Motorcycle Company** has been named as finalist for Manufacturer of the Year, as awarded by the Phoenix Business Journal, according to a press release issued by Titan. The Phoenix Business Journal noted that the company grew 700 percent in its first year of operation (1995) and has doubled each year since.

Jim Forington, 38, of Denver, Colorado, died on November 27 from injuries sustained in a practice riding session on November 26. Forington was well-known in the Colorado racing community and often rode in the lead pack at dirt track, road racing and motocross events in his home state.

The **Super TT** season finale will be held at Buttonwillow Raceway Park in Buttonwillow, California, on December 13, with confirmed entries including four-time 500cc World Champion **Eddie Lawson**, motocross legends Gary and DeWayne Jones and Chuck Sun, and reigning AMA 250cc Grand Prix Champion Roland Sands. The season finale will see the debut of a revised class structure, including a Knobbies Only class for those motocrossers and off-road racers who don't want to hassle with changing tires. For more information, call Buttonwillow Raceway Park at 805/764-5333.

North American Sport Bike (NASB) has announced a six-race schedule for 1999, beginning and ending with races at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida. The first Daytona race will be held February 26-28, and the final race will take place October 22-24. In between, the series will feature races at Road America (May 2), Summit Point Raceway (May 23), Heartland Park Topeka (August 15) and New Hampshire International Speedway (September 5).

Donnie "Holeshot" Hansen will be conducting motocross schools at Glen Helen, Perris Raceway, Los Angeles County Raceway, MAX Track and Carnegie in Southern California between December and February. For more information, call 719/495-2624.

Euroline, the U.S. importer for Motorex Oils and Chemicals, is currently accepting racer resumes for the 1999 season. Resumes can be sent to Euroline Inc., attn: race support, 16 Manchester Road., Carmel, NY 10512.

Avon Tires is now accepting applications for its 1999 road racing support program. Resumes can be sent to Avon Tires, c/o Hoppe & Associates, 407 Howell Way, Edmonds, WA 98020, attn: Craig Knapp.

HIRED: Matt Freeman, as assistant editor of *Cycle News*, effective immediately. Freeman has been a longtime contributor to the newspaper.

CORRECTON: Inadvertently left out of the results in our report of the Tecate SCORE Baja 1000 was the winning Sportsman team made up of Taber Murphy, Don Weyer, John Frederick, Chuck Barker and Ken Patrick. The Honda XR600-mounted team from Washington also took top overall honors in the Sportsman division.

OPENED: Chase Harper's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.chaseharper.com.

CORRECTION: In an earlier issue of *Cycle News*, we listed the 1999 AMA Hot Shoe Championship Series as consisting of six rounds. The series, however, may end up consisting of more than six. The series begins on February 26 at Oglethorpe Speedway in Savannah, Georgia.

APPOINTED: Ron Aleberico, as national and international sales manager for Lockhart Phillips USA, effective immediately. For more information, call 949/498-9090.

OPENED: Motorcycle USA's Superstore's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.motorcycle-superstore.com CN

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VOICES
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't show me the money

In regards to previous letters, it seems to be that with the growing popularity and television coverage of motorcycle racing, bigger paychecks will soon be forthcoming for the racers.

My point is this: I hope the day never comes when bigger paychecks or signing bonuses become the top story (as they have in other sports) over the skill, determination and competitiveness of the top riders. That sends the wrong message to future Jeremy McGraths. I believe that (just like the thousands of less-talented competitors out there) Doug Henry, Mick Doohan and Scott Parker race motorcycles because they love doing so and have a desire to prove that they are the best.

Motorcycling is more than a sport, it's a way of life.

Bob Mason
Fremont, OH

Dave and dirt track

I wish to comment on the sincere involvement of Dave Despain and his effort to elevate dirt track racing with the staging of the most historical event in dirt track history. As an ex-racer and fellow dirt track enthusiast since the mid-'60s, I wish to thank Dave for his tireless effort and to express the joy I experienced in being able to meet many of the top performers in dirt track racing that in the past I had only read about.

I have been around many dirt track Nationals in the past, but my highlight of the weekend had to be when I met Dick Mann, truly the greatest overall motorcycle racer in history. And the other highlight was seeing the expression on all of those guys' faces when I or some other dirt track enthusiast would ask for an autograph.

This is just a little payback to those who gave us so much of their lives to the sport. In closing, Dave Despain could have taken his contract with ESPN and ran, but we have him to thank for maintaining his dirt track roots for all of us, the small fraternity that we are, and for producing dirt track's finest moment.

Chas Smith Jr.
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Despain is planning on doing it all again with another Springfield event in 1999 - and perhaps a 50-miler. Those wishing to show their support can call 877/769-0474 for more information on next year's race - scheduled for May 29-30... Editor

F-1 coming to America

Now that the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is going to build a track suitable for Formula One cars, it's up to us motorcycling fans, racers and teams to e-mail and write the Speedway, suggesting and begging for motorcycle racing.

Maybe we could end up with AMA Superbike, World Superbike or even a Grand Prix right here at our doorstep. Wow! I've enclosed a link below for Indianapolis Motor Speedway and it includes their e-mail address.

Bradley Love
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The Indianapolis Motor Speedway home page on the World Wide Web can be found at the following address: http://www.brickyard.com... Editor

Jim Forington

On Monday, November 30, hundreds of family, friends and motorcycle racers from across the country gathered to mourn the death of and say goodbye to their friend and fellow racer, Jim Forington. Jim was well-known throughout Colorado racing circles, as he competed in dirt track, road racing and motocross events. To say that he was well-liked off the track is an understatement.

If you were going to get beat, you wanted it to be Jim that did it. His ever-present smile, sincere and caring ways, and warm personality earned him the nickname "Gentleman Jim." My family referred to him as "Clark Kent" - mild-mannered off the track, Superman on it.

The Colorado racing and motorcycle community, as well as the brotherhood of just good guys, has lost its finest ambassador.

Ryan Stewart
Calhan, CO

Day in the Dirt

Jimmy N. Roberts and Kenny Alexander deserve high praise for the day of racing and memories they produced as a first-time event at Los Angeles County Raceway - a Day in the Dirt. The day was filled with highlights, such as a team race with such diverse teams as Eddie Mulder and Mouse McCoy, Ricky Johnson and J.N. Roberts, and Geoff Aaron and Lane Leavitt.

With just three races held, each one quite unique with an incredible composite of famous racers along with a huge crowd of famous and near-famous spectators, it was a day to remember. Thanks also to Stunts Unlimited and all of the film industry for their backing.

We need more pure-fun events such as this, and maybe District 37, along with other promoters, could take a lesson from some guys who did it right the very first time.

Ken Newton
Newhall, CA

Gunny's thanks

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the sponsors and ISDE team supporters for all their help at this year's ISDE in Australia. I know it's hard for people to give up vacation time to "work," especially when they don't have a rider they're worrying over and they are 10,000 miles from home. We had approximately 225 people on the AMA tour, with about 100 of them really kicking in to help.

First, a big "thank you" to the major sponsors that contributed products and/or funds: Pro Grip, Arai Helmets, Cycle Gear, MSR, CRD, Acerbis, Smith, Bel Ray, Scott, Metzler, Cycra Racing Systems, Trelleborg, Moose, Dirt Rider, *Cycle News*, RK chain, Cyco Active (rider cards, card holders, and map cases for the chase riders), the AMA and Ride To Win.

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Even though our final team standings didn't look too good, it in no way reflected how hard our riders performed. From Rodney Smith (and several others) doing 15-minute top-end replacements to watching Russ Pearson on the Friday before impound taking an hour with seven coaches to do a rear tire and then on day five watching him do a front and rear tire, air filter and brakes in 11 minutes - I was impressed.

Again, thanks to one and all for your help and also for letting me be a part of Team USA.

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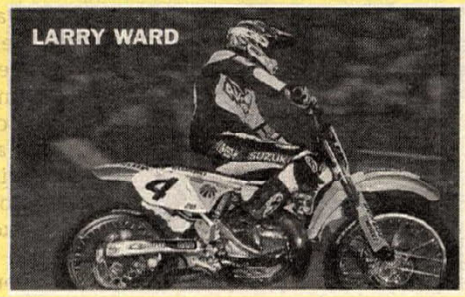
Scott "Mr. Daytona" Russell showed up at Daytona on a Friday, signed a contract with Harley-Davidson and then started testing for the upcoming Daytona 200 on the VR1000. For a full report on the Dunlop tire tests from Daytona, see our coverage that begins on page 6. Photo by Henny Ray Abrams.

HOW DO YOU SAY "VICTORY" IN GERMAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND PORTUGUESE?

Aaaah, the off-season. Time to rest, relax and totally dominate the world of supercross racing. That's exactly what Team Suzuki riders Robbie Reynard and Larry Ward did in their free time. Particularly Reynard, who easily clinched the FIM World Supercross Championship. Talk about domination, during the four-round World Supercross season, Reynard graced the podium in five out of six races, winning half of them and finishing a full 13 points ahead of the next competitor. Then there's Ward's performance at the Paris-Bercy Supercross. In what is considered the premiere European supercross, Ward used his experience, his skill and his Suzuki RM to rip the other riders and take the King of Bercy crown. All of which goes to show you that, when you compete abroad, knowing a few phrases can come in handy. Like, "I'm number one!" and, "Next time, ride a Suzuki!"



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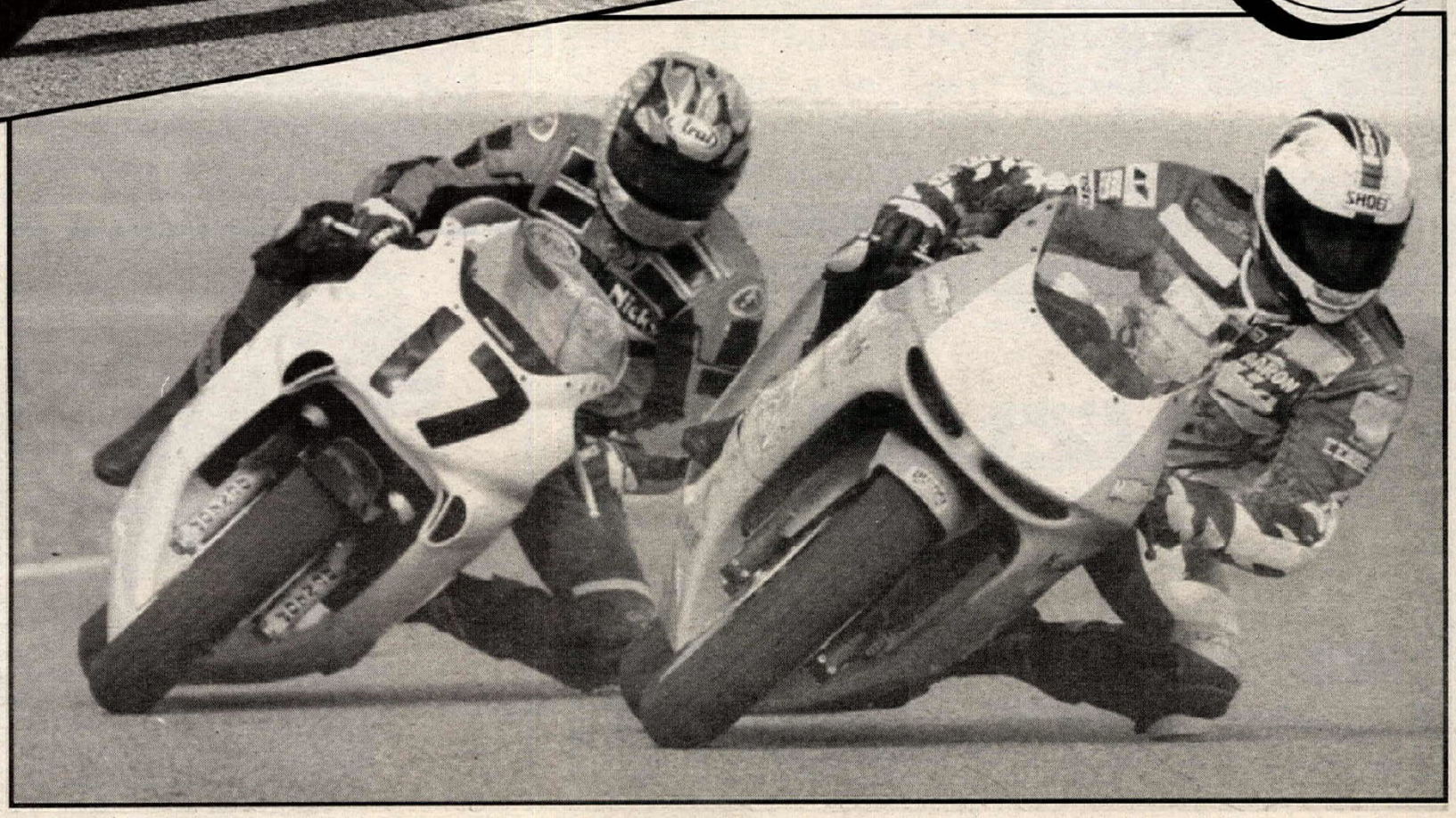
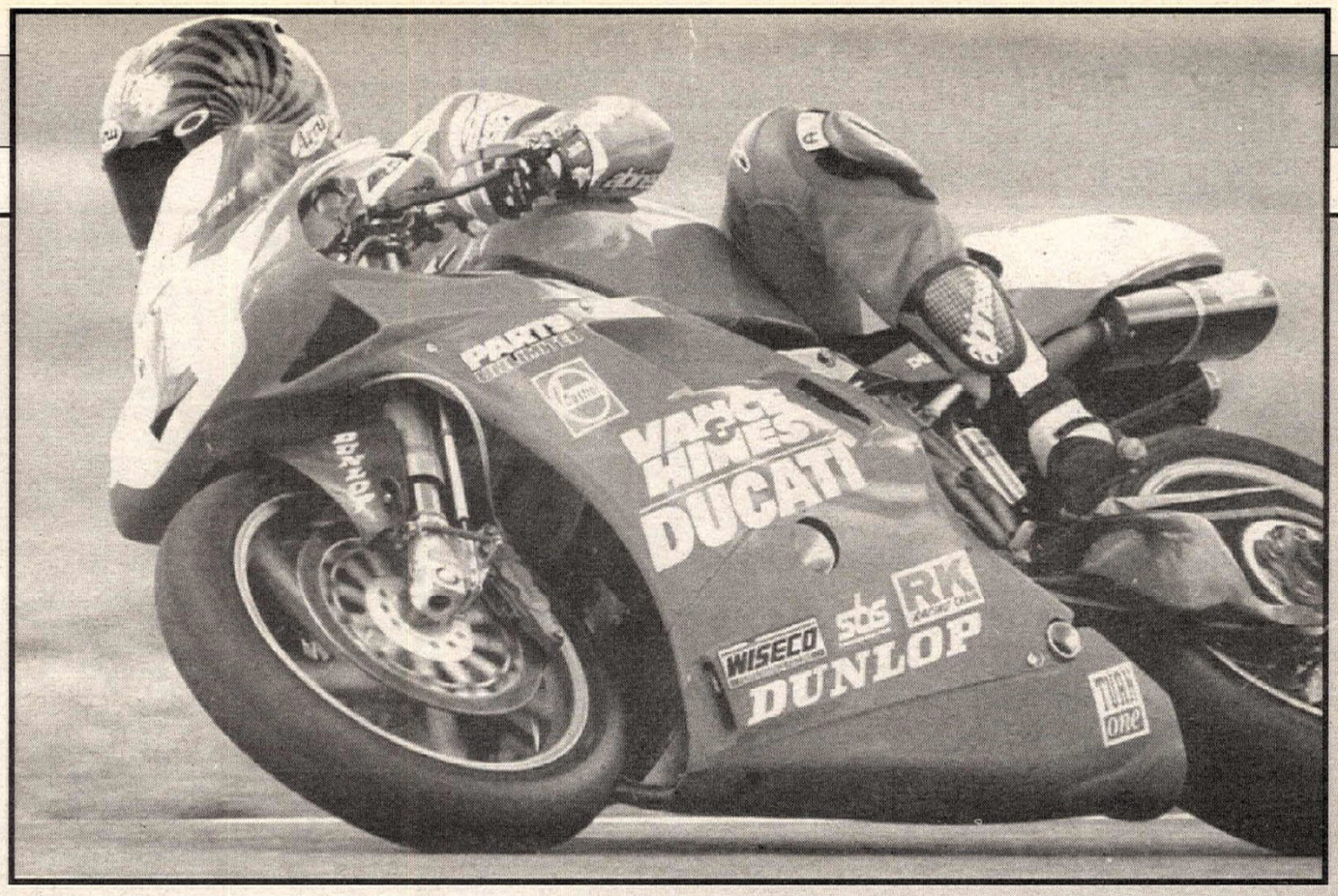


(Top, from left to right) Ray Plumb, Miguel DuHamel, Eric Bostrom and Dunlop tire technician Jim Allen discuss tires during the Daytona test. (Above) No one went faster than Ben Bostrom. Despite it being his first time out on the Vance & Hines Ducati, the AMA Superbike National Champion lapped at 1:49.9. Bostrom's test ended when a blown tire caused him to crash. (Right) In a preview of some 600cc Supersport warfare to come, Aaron Yates leads Nicky Hayden as the pair get accustomed to their new motorcycles.



By Henny Ray Abrams

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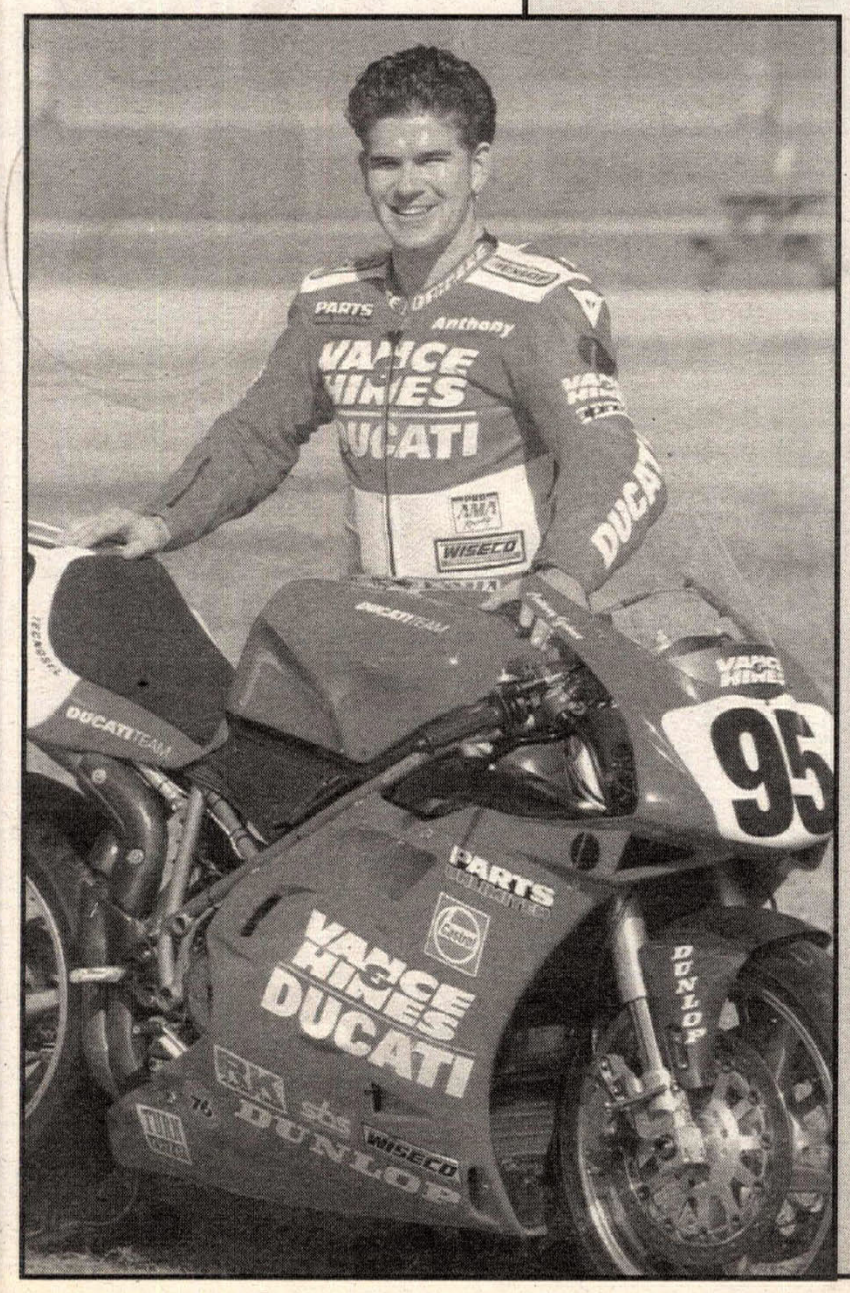
There was something missing when the teams gathered at the annual Dunlop winter tire tests at Daytona International Speedway. Only two of the seven teams that took part were at full strength when the test started and only one made it through intact. The machinery, in many cases, was new or wasn't ready, and the riders weren't able to replicate the times from the Daytona race in March, let alone those from last winter's test, when the unseasonably cold weather was a far cry from this year's heat wave. The riders agreed that the new dual-compound tires were a marked improvement over last year's rubber, but a pall was cast over the test halfway through the final day of the three-day test when a rear-tire failure caused Vance & Hines Ducati's Ben Bostrom to crash heavily in the middle of the east banking.

His onboard computer said he was going 168 mph. Much of the damage was the indirect result of a previous

(Above right) Ben Bostrom puts the Ducati through its paces on Saturday at Daytona International Speedway.
(Below) Bostrom's new teammate Anthony Gobert showed up a bit out of shape and some 20 pounds overweight, but he still went fast. The pair provide team owner Terry Vance with a potent duo for the 1999 AMA Superbike Championship.



Vance & Hines Ducati

Both barrels blazing

Ben Bostrom brings the number-one plate to the Vance & Hines Ducati team for 1999, joining the returning Anthony Gobert on a team that has been assured greater factory support from Ducati. Gobert showed up overweight and out of shape and never really got close to what he's capable of. Bostrom, meanwhile, was in near-peak shape - he still has a sore wrist from a motocross accident - but he suffered a rear tire blow-out in NASCAR turn three (see Dunlop story) on the final day of the test and was hospitalized with lacerations to his left hand and with various abrasions. Before the spill, which required skin-graft surgery and will keep him in the Halifax Medical Center for three days, Bostrom was the fastest rider at Daytona, generating impressive times in his first outing on the Italian V-twin after years of riding four-cylinder Hondas.

Prior to his crash, just before Sunday's lunch break, Bostrom had turned a best lap of 1:49.88, recorded on the Ducati's on-bike computer. The hand-held watches had him at 1:50 flat. No matter - he was fast and he was consistent, and if he was having a hard time adapting, he didn't show it.

"Just a whole lot different," is how Bostrom described the Ducati 916. "It's just a completely different animal. You've got to ride it a lot different because of the way the rpms are and the bike... it's not a slider, it's more a keep-the-wheels-in-line, kind-of-stay-on-the-rails bike. So it keeps you on the edge. If you ride it right, you do quick laps and you also save the tires. The bike's really good.

"I'm watching Gobert riding," he added, "and that's the way you need to do it. I've just got to take today and a couple more practice sessions before the season starts and just put in as many laps as I can - just keep riding around on worn-out tires so I get the feel of the bike. I think when the season starts, we ought to be going pretty good. The bike's fast - real fast. I think they (the Ducati 916 and the Honda RC45) end up being the same speed. This one seems to get there a little quicker, and the Honda seems to run at the end a little quicker. It's real comparable. In the end, I'm sure they get from A to B equally."

Bostrom just wanted to stay out on the track, though it took a while for the team to get going. There were numerous engine problems on Friday which kept them mostly off the track and in the garage area. Once they got going, the team had to quickly sort out the suspension.

"They keep making changes, but I think it's just because of my weight," Bostrom said. "We were having a wobbling problem around the banking and they just keep changing the suspension. Now the thing goes about as straight as an arrow. The bike's really sensitive to changes. Even rider seat position - if you're off just a little bit on seat position, that'll upset the bike. It's a finicky bike. That thing is definitely capable of putting in some of the fastest laps. It's quick and does everything right, as long as you ride it good - which is precision riding; it's a bit different that way. You don't slide around. It's going to be fast. Next year it's going to be tough to beat that bike."

What he was working for on the third day was consistency.

"Yesterday I wasn't very consistent," Bostrom said. "I'd put in a good lap but I didn't know why. I'd come around and the board would show a quick lap and I'd go, like, 'I don't understand.' Put in the next lap and think I did the same lap and I'd be way off, like a second off the pace. So today, I just want to go out there and try to get real comfortable with the bike, and consistency would be nice. Then, when we go to the next test, I could try to put in speed."

Gobert said he'd trained only two days in the past two months and came to the test anywhere from 10 to 20 pounds overweight. He was having a hard time getting tucked in on the long straights, and there was no flash of the brilliance that he showed as the fastest rider during the test here last year, and throughout his career. His best time put him fourth fastest, but it was well off the time he set to put the Ducati on the front row for this year's Daytona 200.

"We've sort of spent all the time mainly just going out and burning tires up, really," Gobert explained. "We tried a few different suspension setups and nothing really seemed to work that good for me. I'm not real happy with the bike at the moment - the way it's handling in the rear end. We seem to have a bit more horsepower than last year, so that's a bonus. I really feel that we only just sort of got started. I missed half the day yesterday because of an engine problem. Just a few things kept us off the track a bit. I didn't really get a chance to get going."

Gobert did a 1:49.9 here last year - his best this weekend was a 1:51.17 - and it was the first time he'd ridden a Ducati and the first time he'd ridden a race bike of any kind since his dismissal from the Lucky Strike Suzuki team in August of 1997.

"I haven't really done any training," the always candid Gobert admitted. "I've done two days' training since Vegas and I've been enjoying myself. That's probably the main thing. Ben, down the straightaway, he was pulling out on me - my thing was lagging, it was having trouble when I was clicking top gear - it struggled to pull it, because I'm about 10 pounds or more heavier than I should be. When I come back here after I go home, things should be different. I just want to try to have a full off-season so I've taken that opportunity to do nothing and enjoy my life, and now I'm ready to go back to work."

American Honda

Still no Miguel

Of the seven teams taking part in the test, only two were at full strength when the test started and only one stayed that way to the end. American Honda wasn't among them. Miguel DuHamel came to Daytona hoping to ride, but instead he spent the time watching from the pit wall, his surgically repaired right leg and knee still healing from the horrific accident he suffered at Loudon last July.

In his absence, Eric Bostrom, elevated from the Erion Honda team to full factory status, was left to carry the flag, which he did with flying colors. Not only was he the fastest among the 600s, he was second fastest on the Superbikes to his brother Ben, nearly besting Ben's time after fitting and then shredding a qualifying tire.

First DuHamel.

"My knee's actually pretty good," said DuHamel, who walked with a noticeable limp and with the aid of a cane. "I impressed all the doctors. (Dr. Arthur) Ting took the screws out and he looked in there and he said it looked good. The tendons, the meniscus - nothing has been touched; the knee's really good. It's still a little swollen, but that's because they know the fracture is still healing. The leg itself, it's taking quite a bit longer than I thought, but all the doctors agree that with the trauma, having the bone scrape on the asphalt, that it's normal that the leg was in high trauma and it's just taking a long time to heal. Right now I know that if I had to ride, I would get on the bike and I could ride. But I'd rather not right now because if my foot slips off of the footpeg, which is my fear, and I caught feet somehow or whatever, I'd be starting off at zero again. I feel pretty confident after the races we did that I can get on the bike and go pretty fast immediately."

DuHamel said he'd been resting his leg some but also putting time in on the exercise bike.

"I can do 20 to 40 minutes on the bicycle, spin it up, try to balance both legs, because I've got only one leg that's pushing," he said. "I've been hitting the gym a bit. A lot of the travel I've been doing is to, like, see the doctor and stuff, so it really gets into the middle of my training. I'm definitely planning on going down to California. I'm going back up to Montreal to have a really good look at it. After that, I'm going to move down to California for, like, the last two months, because I've got a lot of friends down there."

His next opportunity to ride will be during a test at Laguna Seca in mid-January, "and I'm pretty sure I'll be there," he said. "I'll be really surprised if I'm not doing that test. I had a CAT scan before coming here and then, when I came here, I thought I was going to ride. I thought for sure I was going to ride, no problem. But my doctor said, 'Just take an X-ray,' and then with the X-ray, he wasn't too happy with that, so he said, 'Let's take a CAT scan.' I had a CAT scan done, which is a lot more precise. He said, 'You know how to ride a bike, so I don't think you should be riding around there.' But I came here still with the intention of riding, and I really wanted to ride. It's a constant fight every minute of every day for me not to get on the bike. I get a lot of different arguments with myself."

DuHamel spent much of the test along the pit wall, advising Bostrom whenever necessary. It must have helped. The two-time AMA Superbike National winner was consistently fast, though he said there was a period of adjusting to riding a Honda RC45 at Daytona - quite a leap from the Honda CBR600 he rode in March.

"I spent all day yesterday just trying to figure out how to get around the banking," Bostrom said on Saturday afternoon. "Everyone's pretty sly about not being out there. Ben (Bostrom) was never out there because he was having problems. He would gladly have shown me the way. Towards the end, this morning, I finally got a line through there, but before, I was bottoming out on the banking and then just spinning the thing violently. A couple of times, the thing really got away. The rear end would just come around. I was thinking, 'Hey, am I supposed to be doing this every lap?' And then I thought that this isn't what people do every lap because you'd end up crashing.

"Yesterday we were kind of slow and today we improved some. I haven't gotten too much time on the 600. Hopefully, tomorrow we'll get some more laps on it. It seems like we made kind of leaps and bounds today. I think that there's more there, but I'm not riding the thing perfectly yet and there's probably more there in the bike, too. We haven't got everything right the way I want it to be as far as riding position. Just my style is kind of different from most people. Right now I can't get over the front of the bike with the handlebars. We're just going to change some things and I think it'll be a lot better for the next test. Tomorrow I think we'll deal with what we've got. I think it's going to be good, but it's not going to be as good as it can be."

Bostrom was one of the few riders to try a qualifying tire. He did it mostly because he'd never run one at Daytona, and he would have to if he wanted to win the Rolex that goes with the pole position. After one fast lap, the tire was cooked, as it should be. It was his fastest lap, but not significantly better than what he'd done on race tires.

After testing his 1997 machine, Bostrom said that the RC45 was going to be a better bike in 1998.

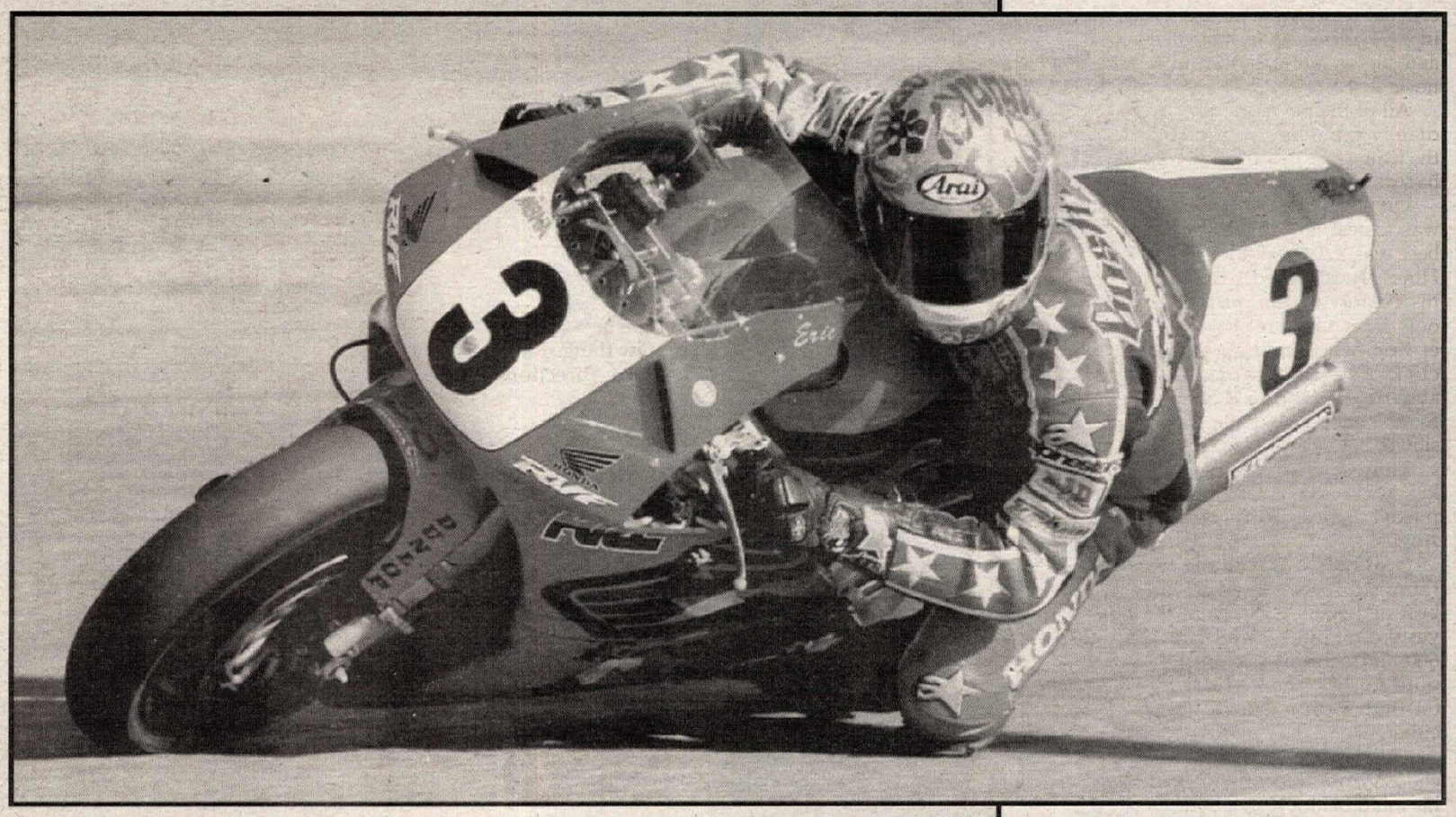
"At least for me, because we're getting to where I can turn it where I want it to, whereas last year I struggled a bit," he said.

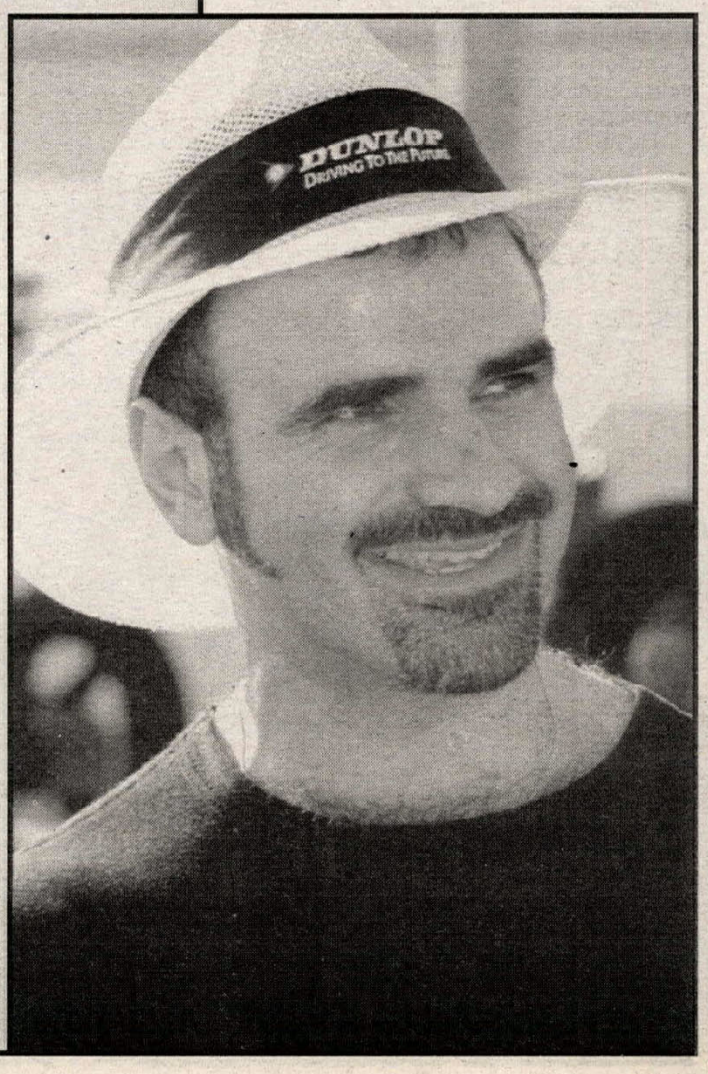
Not bad for a guy who won in his first two outings on the bike.

injury. Still recovering from a motocross accident, Bostrom couldn't cinch the glove on his left hand up tightly. When he crashed, the glove came loose, and most of the damage was to his left hand.

After Bostrom was transported to Halifax Medical Center, the track released a statement saying that Bostrom had suffered an "ulcerated left hand from wrist to thumb, down to the bone, tendons showing, left clavicle, left shoulder-area abrasions and contusions, and a possible concussion."

He underwent skin-graft surgery to repair the damage to his hand and was





(Above) Eric Bostrom ended up being the second quickest of the superbike men, lapping just a tenth of a second slower than his brother.
(Right) Bostrom was the lone Honda superbike rider at the test, as Miguel DuHamel was forced to sit it out while he continues to recuperate from the devastating injuries suffered in June at New Hampshire International Speedway.

expected to be hospitalized for three days.

Dunlop released a statement saying the "preliminary investigation indicates a failure of his rear Dunlop slick contributed to loss of control of his bike. At this time it is impossible to determine the exact cause of the tire failure without a lab analysis. The subject tire will be immediately returned to our manufacturing facility at Fort Dunlop, Birmingham, England."

Dave Watkins, who made his annual trip from the company's headquarters in England to take part in the test, said it was the first time he could remember a tire losing air since Barry Sheene crashed on the front straight at Daytona in 1977. Tires have lost pieces before, and shown fabric, but a Dunlop tire had never lost air.

All of the new spec tires were immediately removed from circulation and the teams finished the test with tires that had run in this year's Daytona 200.

Until the time of his crash, Bostrom was fastest, and his time held up. His best was a 1:49.88 aboard the Vance & Hines Ducati fitted with a race tire - in his first-ever ride on the V-twin. The only rider to come close was his brother Eric, who fitted a qualifying tire to click off a 1:50 flat in his first time aboard the Honda RC45 at Daytona. Eric's race-tire time wasn't much slower.

Third fastest was Yoshimura Suzuki's Mat Mladin, using a tire that he'd picked as best during the test here in August.

"I did three laps in the 50s, then the thing stopped," Mladin said after his best of 1:50.80. "We were the quickest yesterday, but today I had to ride the 600 and I didn't get on the Superbike until this afternoon. I did a 51.5 today on that. I didn't have the good tires either."

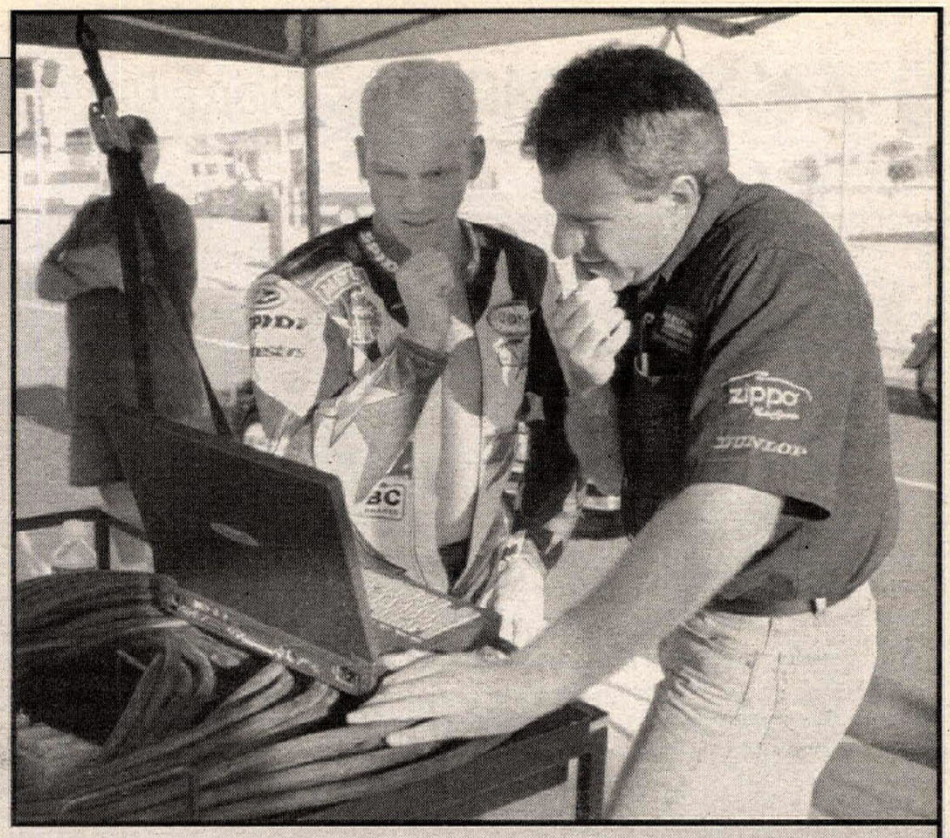
There were three new rear tires to choose from, but Mladin had made up his mind before he got here.

"Personally, I knew exactly what tire I wanted to use because I knew from August, so I only really used one," he said. "The others were just a bit of a warmup until I got up to speed."

He might have gone faster had he not

Harley-Davidson

Mr. Daytona and the VR1000



If you touch your chin, it'll be better. Scott Russell and Harley-Davidson team manager Steve Scheibe ponder the information that's been downloaded from the VR1000's on-board telemetry.

The biggest news coming out of the Dunlop test was the signing of Scott Russell by the Harley-Davidson team just prior to the start of the test. The combination of Mr. Daytona on America's most famous motorcycle is irresistible, and the five-time Daytona 200 winner was anxious to put the Harley-Davidson VR1000 through its paces. What he soon found was that there was work to do.

"The bike is hard to hold on to because of the vibration and all that - that's what I noticed the most," Russell said after his maiden run on the bike that he'll ride for the next two years. "It's not a bad motorcycle. We need to do a few things for me to make it a little nicer for me to ride. Switching directions through the high-speed chicane, it seems a little bit heavy. Overall, it's something I think we can make work for me.

"It's getting there, but we haven't changed to the suspension that we're going to be using this year yet - the Showa stuff. It doesn't respond to changes as much as other bikes I've ridden. On the other bikes, a little bit goes a long way. This thing seems to be very stiff, chassiswise. You'd think little changes would make bigger impressions, but that doesn't seem to be the case right now.

"It's going to be tough" he said after running a 1:53.1 on the first V-twin that he'd ever ridden. "That's not bad, but this is my track. I'm not used to being here and not being the fastest guy, or one of 'em - but I knew that coming here. If the bike had a little bit more top end, it would be a bit easier for a lap time, of course, because you're full throttle for so long here - but it still needs to get through the chicane and a few places in the infield a little bit better for me. Right now, with all the engine braking that thing has as a twin, you shut the throttle off and it feels like the back wants to pass the front. It's not bad; it just gives me the impression that's what it's going to do. I'm being extra-careful on the thing. I knew it was going to be a little bit different, I just didn't know... I like it, I like the way the power comes on. There are just a few little things I'd like to change about it to get me more comfortable - to fit the bike to me."

Russell never did get the chance to try the Showa rear shock, just the front fork.

"They have to do some modification to the frame to get it to fit in there and all, it's too much work. I like the front. The bike felt like it was working on about an inch of suspension, front and rear, and it felt real hard, real harsh the whole time, when I first got on it and all through until today, when we put the new front fork on it and you could actually feel some weight starting to transfer to the front. The problem is that the back feels kind of dead. There's a problem with something in the rear of the bike, just changing the linkage. When it comes up, it doesn't transfer the weight to the back. It just kind of gets to a point and stops - it gets real hard. They've got to get the thing to start pitching some weight, transferring weight and get the thing to start working. It's not working. It'd kind of like a dead motorcycle right now. The front forks were definitely in the right direction. I'm having fun riding it. I feel like once I get the thing to work, the bike feels good to sit on and to play around on - it's just not doing some of the things I want it to do. We identified one of the biggest problems on it."

At the end of the day, Russell's best time of 1:53.1 was well off the 1:48.840 which he ran to take the pole for last year's Daytona 200 - and over three seconds off the faster guys here.

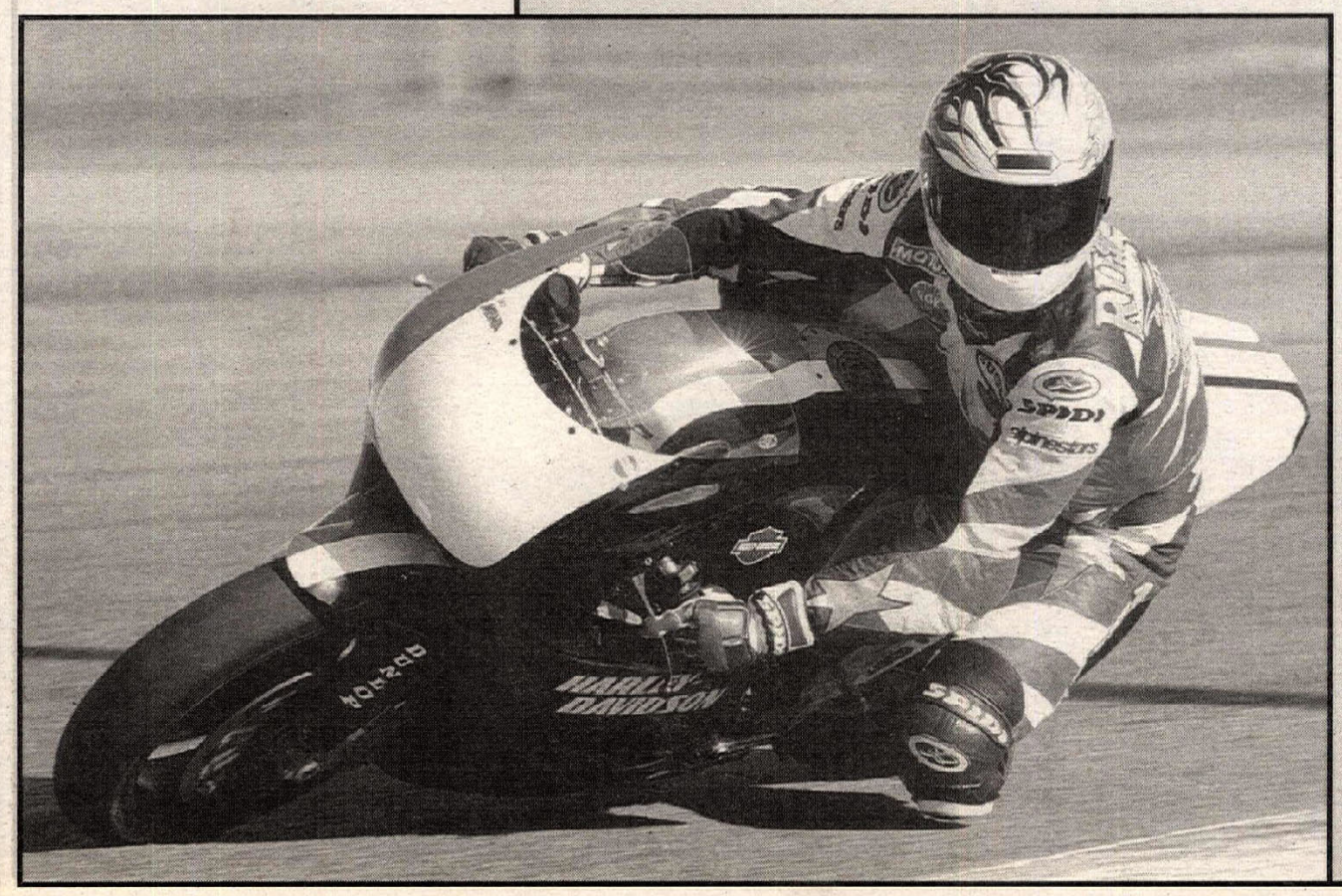
"We probably didn't get to do as much as we wanted to, but I felt like we kind of ran into a wall with it right now," Russell said. "It would've probably given us better grip and you could probably go little bit faster, but it would've just masked some of the problems that the bike actually has, and as soon as the tire starts to go off, in three or four laps, they would've come right back."

With as much work as Russell had, his teammate Pascal Picotte had even more - with his test coming to an end when the bike stopped on the track with just minutes to go on the final day of the three-day test. His first day wasn't much better.

"It wasn't a really good day," he said on Saturday afternoon, the second of three days. "I went out at 11:15 maybe and then the lunch break came at 12:00. Then I went back out at 1:30 or 2 maybe, and something was wrong with the engine at around 3. And yesterday was about the same. Yesterday, actually, we didn't really bring any notes from testing here, so we were totally lost - really off."

The word at Daytona was that Picotte was going to bolt the orange-and-black to rejoin the Fast By Ferracci team that he left at the end of 1994. All Picotte would say is that he has a two-year contract with Harley. Clearly, he wouldn't have considered leaving if Russell hadn't signed. Once that changed, however, his options seemed more open.

At the end of the day, he was about half a second faster than Russell, and seventh fastest among the Superbike riders.



Russell had his first-ever outing on the VR1000 at Daytona. It was also the former World and AMA Superbike Champion's first ride on a V-twin.

Yoshimura Suzuki

Mladin leads the way

This is the team that ran four riders last year and looked set to not repeat the program in 1999. Australian Mat Mladin was the keystone and Canadian Steve Crevier was a cinch once he won the Pro Honda Oils 600cc Supersport title. Then the team added longtime Suzuki rider Jason Pridmore and up-and-comer Steve Rapp. The team will have their hands full because all of the riders will contest both the Superbike (on GSX-R750s after ditching the TL1000 twin program) and the 600cc Supersport classes.

Pridmore didn't make the test. He's still recovering from the wrist injury he suffered when he crashed the Vance & Hines Ducati in the fluid dropped by then fellow Vance & Hines rider Anthony Gobert in the season-ending race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Rapp made the test, but he didn't finish it, crashing in the first horseshoe at the end of the second day of the three-day test.

Mladin was the one who excelled (no surprise there), all the while trying to sort out the fuel injection on the GSX-R750. According to Mladin, the team wants to perfect the fuel-injection system in time to begin the season with it at Daytona in March.

"We have had it working," said Mladin, who finished third in the 1998 Superbike chase on the carbureted bike. "Suzuki's got a new system here at Daytona which we haven't seen before and the system that we've had all year and been trying to work on all year, and it's impossible during the race season to get anything done. The last race in Vegas, they did some development and generally talked to a few people and made a bit more ground and we got back to within half a second or a few seconds of the carburetor stuff. We're hoping that, come Daytona, we're going to have it at least as good as the carburetors and hopefully better. That's the main thing for next year, and to work on a couple of other things as well."

Mladin took seven pole positions last year, a feat he dismisses.

"Anyone can turn their brain off for a lap," he said.

But those seven poles translated to but one win - at Las Vegas, at the end of the year - though he would certainly have won Loudon had the bike not stopped. What the team lacked was power.

"Not just top end; we're looking for more raw horsepower full stop," Mladin said. "We're looking for everything from the bottom all the way through."

New to Mladin this year is the 600cc class. With a three-year deal in place, Mladin is set to jump into the most competitive class on a bike which doesn't appear to be the equal of the new Hondas and Yamahas.

"It's fun - it looks like Eric's going really fast out there," he said. "It looks like we're going to suffer with the same problem. Our quickest top speed was 158, and he's doing 165 down the front straight and he's a bit over a second quicker than us - so we're screwed at this place because I can't do the lap times he's doing, I know that already. It's impossible for me to do it. Maybe someone else might. I don't know, but I can't. I had a good run with Aaron (Yates). Essentially, I think he (Yates) seemed to be going the same as me; it's really close. In the draft, I just sort of pulled past him up here and he just sort of got me back at the end of the straight. That's essentially the same. The bike itself feels pretty good. If I get going a bit more, maybe I can go a bit quicker, but I can't go much quicker than I've already gone."

Class champion Crevier is back, knowing full well that keeping the number-one plate on the front of the bike is a tall order.

"Next year on the 600s is going to be the toughest year the AMA has ever seen," he said. "Looking at some of the other speeds of some of the other bikes right now, it's not going to be easy to win races on the Suzuki - it's not going to be easy to win races on any other bike, either, because the competition is so stiff. I want to just try to focus more on having a positive attitude and going out with a lot of effort and just try to finish races - but I'd really like to win some. That might be difficult."

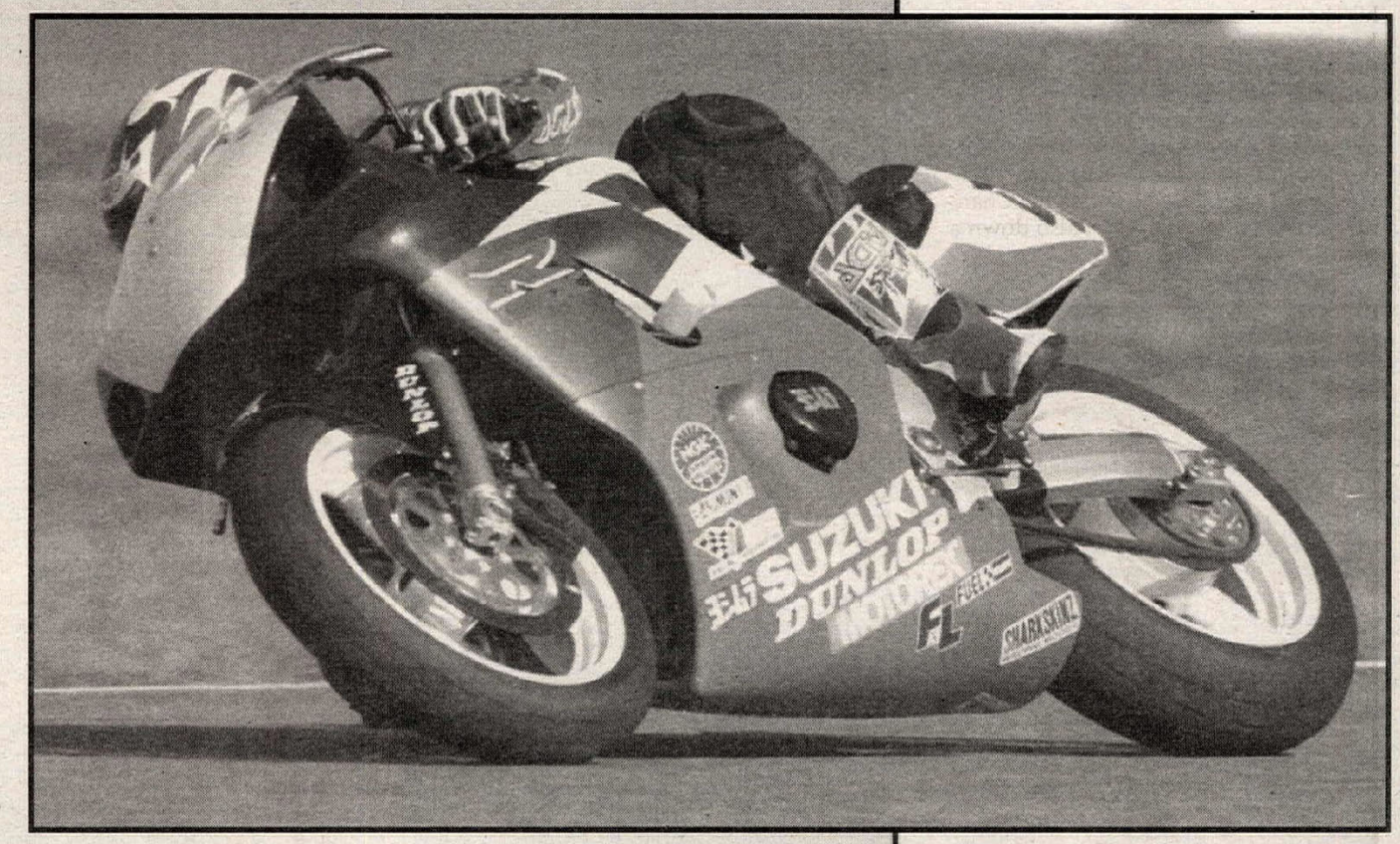
Crevier returns to the Superbike wars armed with twice as many cylinders as he had last year. After a season of flogging the undeveloped TL1000R twin, the team has scrapped that program in place of having fours all around.

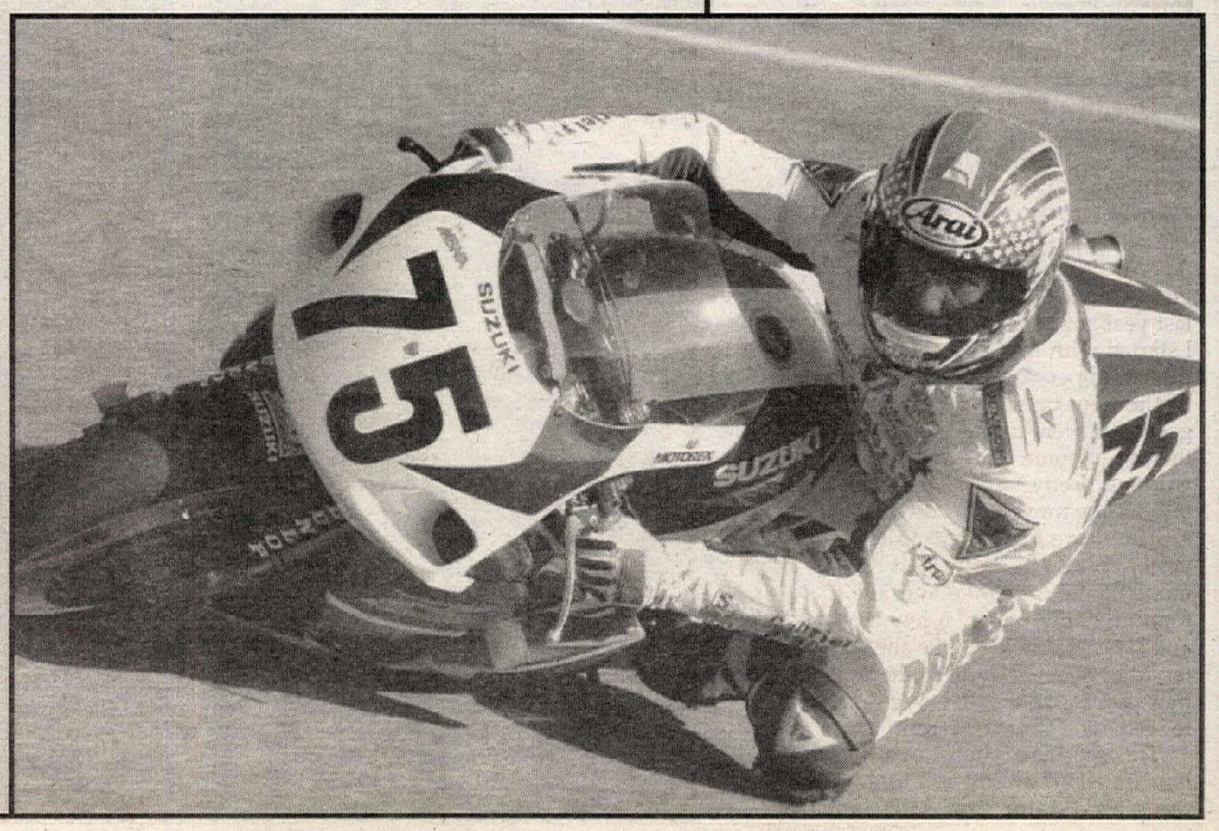
"Giving me a couple of cylinders I think is good," Crevier said. "The twin was an experimental thing. I think we did really good with it. Anybody who says we didn't do so good with it didn't really watch very closely. The bike has a lot of potential. It was a fun bike to ride. It's got some problems that they've got to get worked out. I don't want to put Suzuki down, but I don't think that their R&D department in Japan is large enough to focus on quick 600s, quick 750 World Superbikes and AMA Superbikes and then a whole other bike when there's only a staff of about five engineers. It just needs a lot of work. There's no doubt that last year the GSXR proved to be quite fast. Even on the World Superbike level, they're very competitive. Now I'm on what I'm saying is a more competitive bike than the twin. I'm happy about that and I'm sort of looking forward to trying to mix it up with the guys. In my racing, in Superbike, I get off to a good first lap, then the next five laps I've always done bad, and then I've always been a strong finisher. So going into '99, I really want to focus on closing out the first five, six, seven laps, because all of my speed comes toward the end of the races when it gets all greasy, slippery and comfortable."

had problems setting up the fuel injection on his GSX-R750.

"We had a few little problems with it," Mladin said. "Not with the actual injection, but just the throttle was way too long and way too easy and every time I'd lean on it, it'd burp in the middle of the corner. If we could have had the same tire that we had yesterday - the race tire that I like - fixed up the throttle, if we had enough time, I think I would've gone as fast on the injector as I went on the carburetor stuff. It's a big step forward."

Vance & Hines' Anthony Gobert was fourth fastest and unable to even





(Above) Mat Mladin at speed on the Suzuki GSX-R600. Mladin adapted quickly to the 600 that he'll race in the coming year's AMA 600cc Supersport Series.
(Below) Steve Rapp was learning his way around the Suzuki GSX-R750 Superbike prior to ending his test with a crash in the International Horseshoe on Saturday afternoon.

approach the times he did here last year and the times he did during qualifying for the Daytona 200. The Australian showed up overweight and said he wasn't in shape to put the Ducati 916 through its paces. And he wasn't happy with the progress of the new bike, shipped directly from the factory. Ducati World Superbike race team manager Davide Tardozzi, along with a host of engineers, helped the V&H Ducati team at the test.

Then came Yamaha's Rich Oliver on last year's Yamaha YZR750. The new R7 is on the way, though no delivery date has been set.

Behind Oliver came Aaron Yates in his shakedown cruise aboard the Muzzy Kawasaki. Yates was the sole rider on the Muzzy ZX-7 Superbike, with Doug Chandler sitting the test out while he, Kawasaki and Muzzy sort out some questions he had about his contract with the team. By the time those questions were resolved, it was too late for Chandler to come. The team was also down a technician, as Chandler's longtime tuner, Gary Medley, had defected to the Vance & Hines team.

Thus the Muzzy crew was able to concentrate on Yates, who was one of only a few riders to fit a qualifying tire. With the "Q" fitted, Yates clocked a 1:51.03, 1.3 seconds faster than the 1:52.42 he did on a race tire.

"All the new tires seem to be really good," Yates said. "I've been running last year's race tire and yesterday, when I started with it, it was spinning - it was pretty slippery out there. Then we went to the new tires and they were really good. We went back to the old ones and then tried some stuff today and I got it working pretty fair. Yesterday, I probably did the most consecutive laps. I was a little more uncomfortable out there yesterday, just kind of getting into the mode of the new bike and all. Today I found I wanted to try a few things here and there, to try to make the thing better. They seem to hang in there good, so that's what we needed. We'll just have to see how it goes in March."

The tire that failed Bostrom had 25 laps on it, according to Dunlop's road race coordinator, Jim Allen. Bostrom

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Muzzy Kawasaki

Where's Doug?

Kawasaki wasn't at full strength, either, with Doug Chandler opting not to make the trip after nearly resolving his contract concerns with Muzzy and Kawasaki (see "In the Wind"). That left the Superbike to Aaron Yates, with Mike Hale coming in to put some time in along with Yates on the ZX-6 and to try out the Muzzy Raptor which the team may campaign in the AMA's Pirelli Formula Xtreme class.

After spending his whole career with Suzuki - first with Team Suzuki Sport, and most recently with the Yoshimura Suzuki squad - Aaron Yates decided to make a move. After being courted aggressively by a number of teams, Yates opted to move to the Muzzy Kawasaki team, giving the boys in green a formidable lineup. The ZX-7 was good enough to propel Chandler to second in the championship last year, and only an engine problem in the final round kept him from competing for the crown. What did Yates think of it?

"I like it," said the Georgian after posting the sixth-fastest superbike time of the test. "We're getting it dialed in. There were a lot of things to change to suit me to make it feel good to me. The more time I get on it; the more it's feeling like my bike, and I'm really enjoying it. It's a lot of fun to ride and it seems to work pretty well."

As to how it compares to the Suzuki GSX-R750, Yates said: "It's just different. It feels bigger, it feels fatter, it's a little lower. It seems to be a little easier to ride. I'm not really so much on the edge. But I haven't really pushed it real hard; most of the time you're pushing it hard, you're pretty much on the edge. It seems to be, like they say, rider-friendly. I'm really enjoying it. It hasn't done anything odd or anything like that. Every lap I'm going a little bit faster."

Yates said that he wasn't a heavy front-end user but that he'd like a machine he could run hard into the corner - since he brakes almost to the apex before getting on the throttle to get it turned. He's been able to do that, but he has had to do some suspension work.

"The bikes were really soft when I got on them - not so much the springs, because we'd already anticipated and went up in the rates, just the dampening was really soft. We get all that stuff dialed in and it's really made a difference."

The 600, he said, feels skinny and tall compared to the Suzuki.

"It was pretty different at first," he said. "Just the more time you get on it, the better it feels. So I'm looking forward to racing the things."

In addition to having to deal with Chandler's concerns, the team lost long-time crew chief Gary Medley to Vance & Hines Ducati about a week prior to the test. That leaves them short on the technical side - something which concerns Chandler, but not Yates.

"He's pretty much Doug's guy," Yates said. "They call him the crew chief, but it looks like Steve Johnson knows pretty much everything. He's kind of over it all. It's kind of nice of Doug, not being here this weekend, and everybody's kind of concentrating on my stuff."

Mike Hale got the call from Muzzy less than a week before the test.

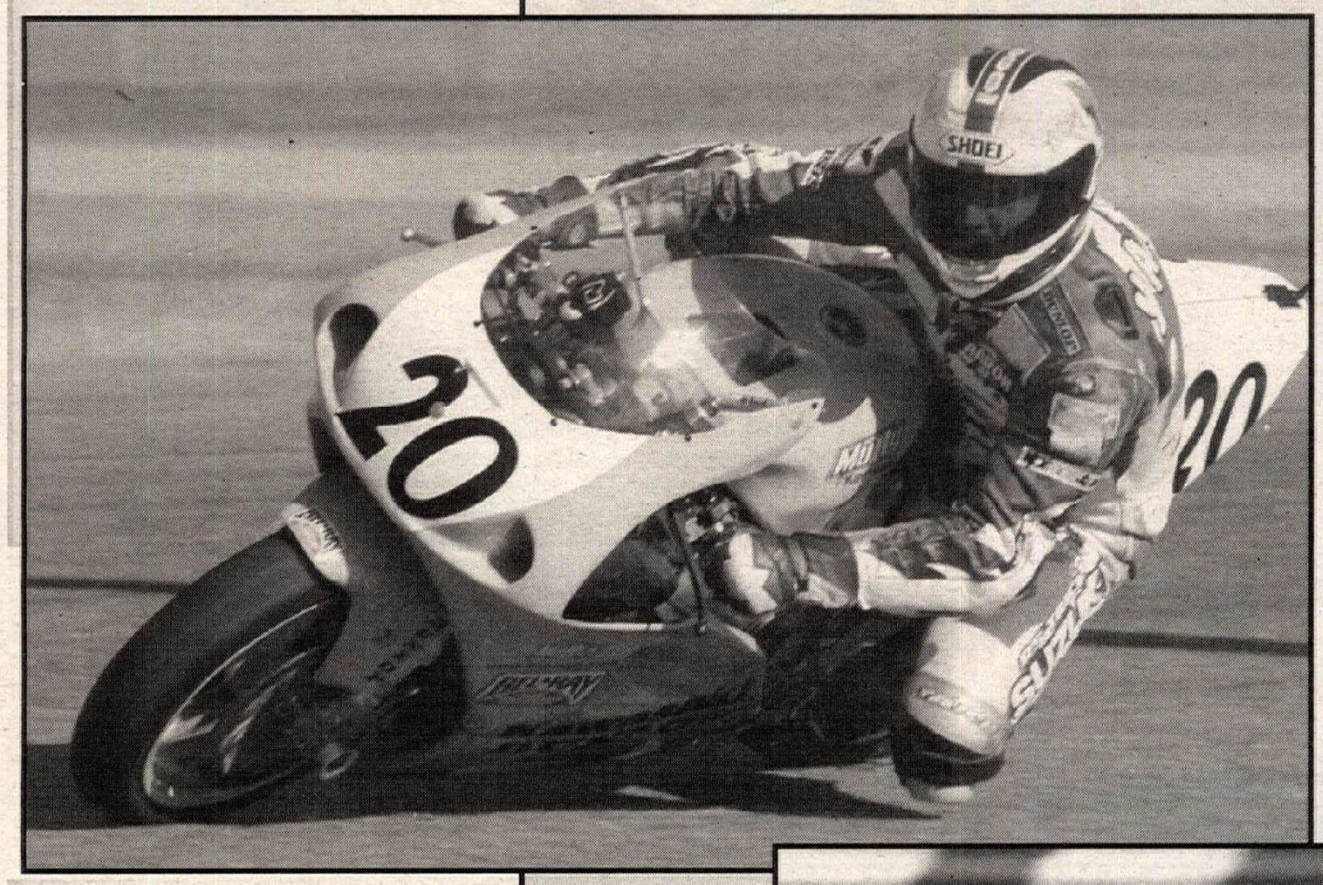
"I just came down to keep the dust off of it, I guess," Hale said. "Then we'll see, I guess."

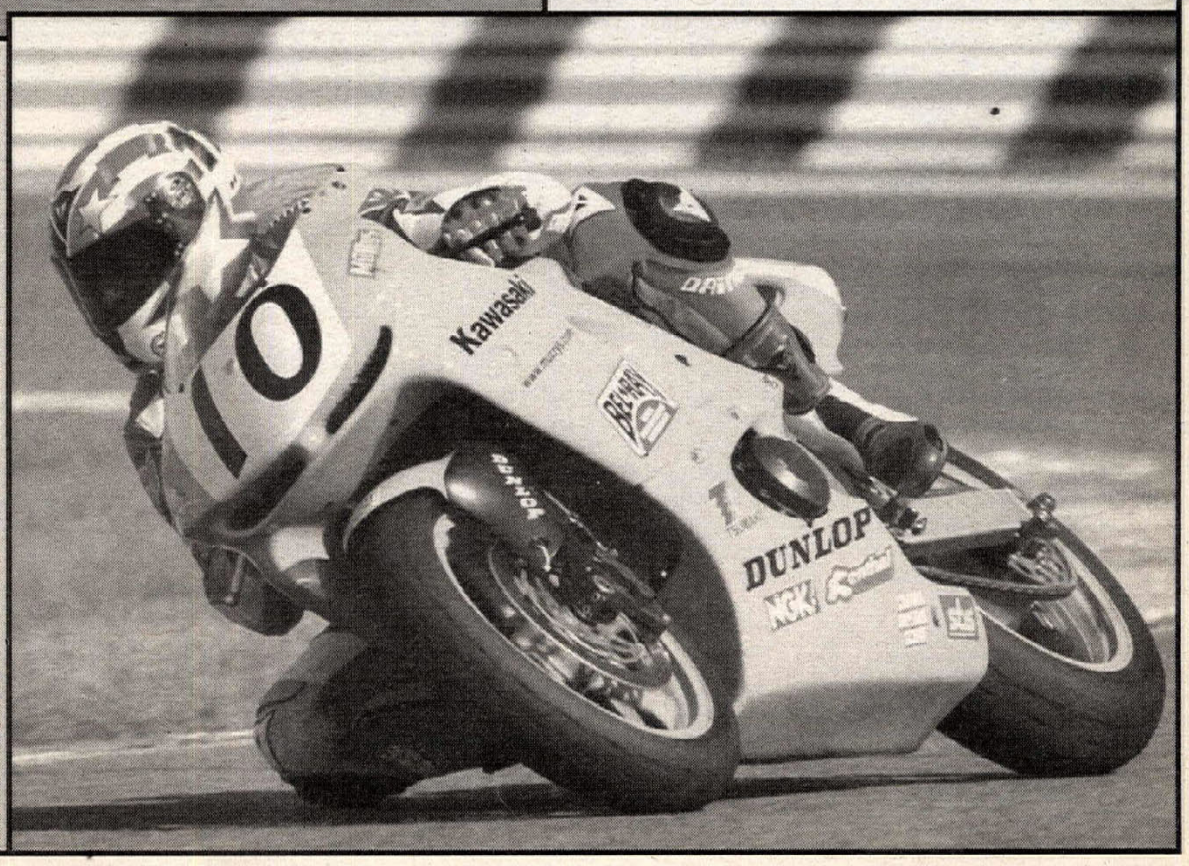
As to whether the Muzzy test would turn into a Muzzy ride, Hale was non-committal.

"I've got one other possibility - going back overseas," he said. "It's still kind of early stages for that, too. That's it right now. This was a good opportunity to come down and be at the test and get back on some Dunlops."

Both the Raptor and the 600 had their share of problems over the course of the weekend, but on Sunday Hale was able to finally put his head down.

"I did a 56.4 on the 600," Hale said of the time which tied him with Yamaha's Tommy Hayden for third fastest. "It felt a lot better. The thing was a lot more settled, because the bike that I rode yesterday - it was no good. So I jumped on Aaron's bike and rode it today and jumped right in there - I guess right in the middle of all the 600 times. I feel pretty good on it. It's good to get back on a bike like that, that you can really ride past the limits. It's real forgiving."





(Above) Aaron Yates had his first rides on both the Kawasaki ZX-7R Superbike and the ZX-6 600cc Supersport bike. (Right) Mike Hale rode both the Muzzy 600 and the team's Formula Xtreme Raptor bike. It still isn't known what Hale will do next year, though his outing on both bikes may earn him a spot on Rob Muzzy's team.

Team Yamaha

No R7 - yet

Yamaha was another of the teams which weren't at full strength at Daytona. Jamie Hacking, who's scheduled to ride both of the new Yamahas - the R6 and R7 - showed up at Daytona unfit to ride, with a nagging elbow injury keeping him sidelined. Hacking hurt the elbow in a snowboarding accident and had been advised to rest it. But he tried to work out, again popping the elbow out of joint and further delaying his recovery. The South Carolinian wasn't seen in the garage after Friday.

It was something of a blessing. There were only two of the new R6s, which meant that Rich Oliver and new team member Tommy Hayden would each have one at their disposal. Oliver also put his 1997 Superbike through its paces, as the new R7 isn't scheduled to arrive until after the new year, if then.

Even so, Oliver was able to knock off the fifth-fastest time among the superbikes. More importantly, a year after throwing the bike down time and again, Oliver never hit the pavement - instead making steady progress and gradually lowering his times.

"Even though it's not our new R7, it's still a really, really well-set-up and refined bike, and it works great at Daytona," Oliver said. "It's just giving me track time and getting me experienced with the new Dunlop configurations that have come out. There's no replacing the feeling of going 180 mph down into turn one - it's good to experience it as much as you can so that when March comes around, it's a lot more comfortable than having to wait a whole year to ride on this circuit again."

As to when the new bikes would arrive, Oliver said: "I'm not really in the loop as to when those are going to show up. I know that, like everyone on the team, I'm looking forward to working with that bike. On the other hand, being here at Daytona with our bike that's been all set up and has been run year after year after year, maybe in a sense it's not so bad that the new one hasn't arrived. We have hopes for as early an arrival point as we can so that we can get 'em prepped and bring them out to the track. We want to get our hands on that thing as soon as we can. Whether it shows up next week or two weeks from now or three weeks, I don't know. They don't tell me those things. Whatever they throw under me, I'll race, but I'm sure hoping it's an R7. This thing is not that bad. Scott Russell won the race on a bike like this and Jamie got third, and I ran in sixth before I fell off. It wouldn't be that bad of a motorcycle to have to ride here, but I have my hopes up for the R7."

As for the 600, Oliver said it confirmed the first impressions he gathered during its introduction at Phillip Island in Australia.

"On the race track, it's been translating into a really nimble, light, very nice-handling machine," Oliver said. "We don't have a full race setup on the bike yet. We're still in the very preliminary stages of getting the thing set up. This will be our third day riding, so you can imagine that we're quite happy that the times are competitive already with the front-runners. We're really at the very earliest beginnings of getting the bike ready. We're pretty pleased. We've made a tremendous amount of changes to the 600, and we still have some stuff that we didn't get a chance to run today because I was on the superbike. We're still doing very basic stuff to where we're losing a second, second and a half just on certain problems that are easy enough to fix. The bike being brand-new, there's not a lot of accessory parts for it right now - things that we can just bolt on to fix whatever adjustment problem we have. We've been trying to makeshift and do some stuff to make it work, but when we take 'em home, yeah, there's going to be some big improvements made. But, here, we're still able to come up with some solutions."

Tommy Hayden, who spent two years riding Muzzy Kawasakis before signing to ride the Yamaha R6 this year, was also confirming the first impressions he had after riding it at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

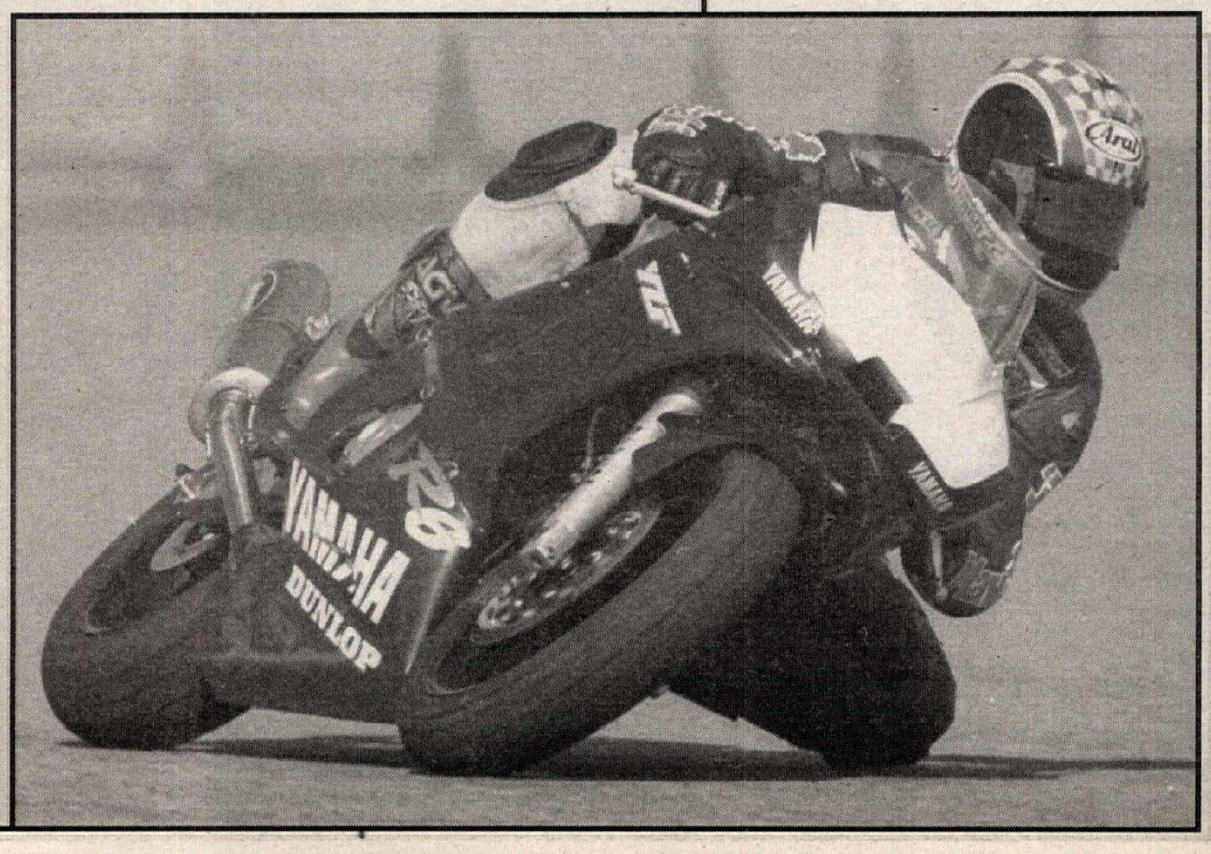
"The bike's really, really good," Hayden said. "I was really surprised how close our times were with what it was (at the Las Vegas test). Here we've got a pipe and got it lightened up more and now it's really, really good. Right now it's definitely - in performance, with as little time as we have on it - it's as good as the bike I rode last year.

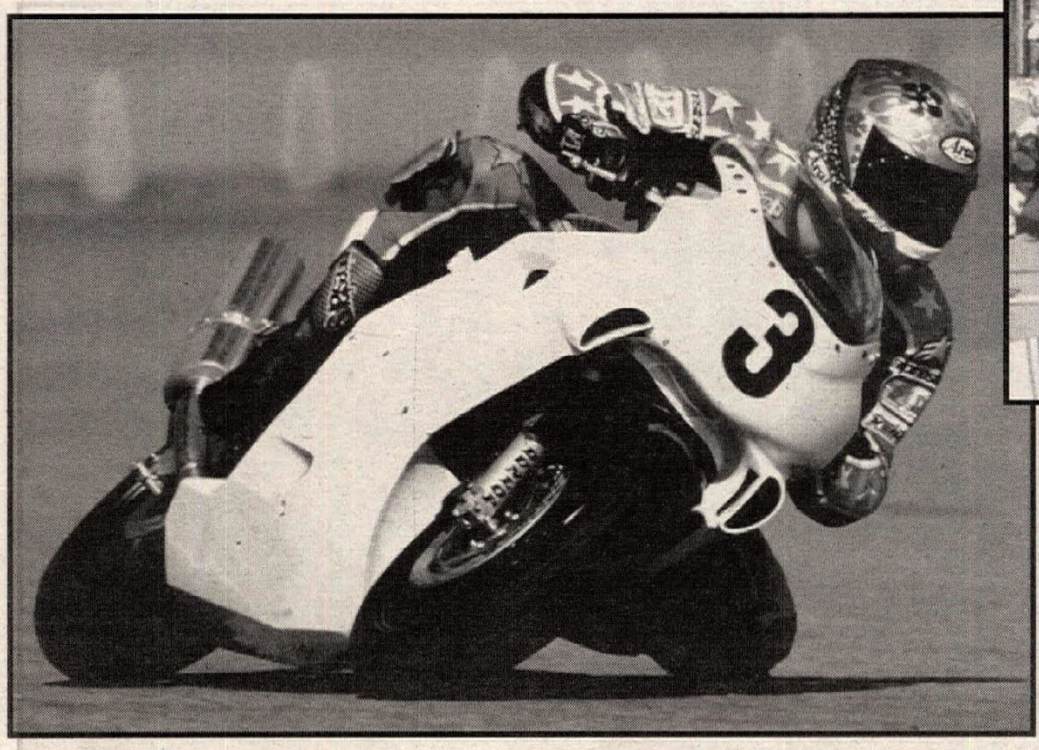
"It's different," he continued. "The way I look at it is the difference in my '98 Kawasaki and the '99 one. It's just another step - it just does everything a little better, turns better. You can tell it's lighter, it's got more power. It seems like another step toward being a better bike. It handles a lot the same. I was kind of surprised. When you're sitting on it, it's real small - the handlebars are real narrow and they're right up on your chest and the seating position's a little different. As far as the characteristics of sliding and stuff, it's kind of similar, so it hasn't been real hard to adjust to."

Tommy Hayden was able to mix it up with his younger brother Nicky, who was getting his first taste of the new Honda F-4. Tommy's time was third fastest, just a tenth of a second behind Nicky but well behind class leader Eric Bostrom.

"It was the first time I'd really raced with somebody on it," Tommy said. "We were, like, outbraking each other and doing stuff. It was just kind of a good test to see how it was and what the Honda had. It seemed to be that we just have our different sections here, that it wouldn't really matter what bike we were on. Like I would gain on him in places. We were on the banking and they seemed real close, definitely. Off the corners, it seemed real close. I couldn't really tell what his bike did better than mine. I didn't have trouble hanging with him on the straightaway. I drafted past him. I'm pretty confident that we're definitely at least equal to him. I know that we definitely have a lot more to go."

(Above) Rich Oliver rode both the Yamaha R6 and his old YZF750 superbike during the tire test.
(Below) Tommy Hayden rode the team's R6 for a second time and turned respectable lap times. Hayden will ride 600s only in 1999 for the factory Yamaha team. The team's other rider, Jamie Hacking, wasn't able to ride, as he is recuperating from an elbow injury suffered while snowboarding.





(Left) Eric Bostrom was the best of the best when it came to ripping off quick lap times on his Honda CBR600 F4. (Above) Mat Mladin chats with Jim Allen about the new tires.

had done a 24-lap run before coming in. The tire was checked, he went back out, did one more lap and the tire failed.

"That's where we thought we'd done a good job, because that had never happened before," Allen said. "That's why we stopped. There was no explanation. We have to reconstruct what happened."

Allen said that Eric Bostrom had been especially impressed with the tires.

"He did a 10-lap run and, when he came in, his eyes were like saucers," Allen said. "He didn't believe you could slide on the banking."

Dunlop came to the test with three different-spec rear tires, two of which came out of the test here in August. There was also one new front dual-compound DOT for Supersport racing, along with two new dual-compound rears. Dunlop brought about 700 tires to the test but only ended up using less than half of those. And very few riders tried the qualifying tires.

The consensus among the riders was that the tires had made a large leap forward. How they come to the black magic - the mixing of the polymer, the oil, the carbon black, the sulfur - comes down to people, according to Watkins.

"Absolutely, without question, we've raised the grip level this year," Watkins said.

The fast guys - Ben and Eric Bostrom, Mat Mladin, and Anthony Gobert - all liked the same tire. But since a tire failed, the manufacturer has to look at all the information gathered to find out where the problem was. The process could take anywhere from two to six weeks, Watkins said. CN

Erion Honda

Youth and exuberance

Erion Honda, American Honda's satellite team, was one of two teams which came to the test at full strength and the only one which left the same way. Kurtis Roberts, in his second year on the team, was joined by new teammate Nicky Hayden to put the new Honda F-4s through their paces. For Roberts, it was a chance to see how the bike had evolved since last year. For Hayden, it was a chance to compare it to the Suzuki GSX-R600 which he rode to one win and fourth place in last year's Pro Honda Oils 600cc Championship. Since the team got their machinery not long before the test, there wasn't much time to make them race ready. Still, they were impressive.

"It took a little time to get used to, but now that I'm comfortable, I already went faster on it than I did on my Suzuki (at Daytona)," Nicky Hayden said on Saturday afternoon. "It just feels smaller and feels more narrow and just different. I'm just trying to get comfortable on it. The Suzuki - maybe you can be a little more aggressive, it's a little more forgiving. This thing here, you've got to kind of keep the wheels in line a little bit more - you can't back it in as much."

In the time he'd been on the bikes - he was riding his own and the American Honda bike of the sidelined Miguel DuHamel - Hayden hadn't asked for a lot of modifications.

"Not a lot of major changes, just a lot of little stuff - suspension and a few carburetion changes and getting all the footpegs and handlebars kind of comfortable for me," he said. What he was able to do was hook up with his brother Tommy, who was on the new Yamaha R6, also with minimal changes.

"It was pretty cool," the younger Hayden said. "We were just kind of playing around. It seems pretty close (to the Yamaha). I think we've definitely got some more work to do. They just got the bike like three days before they came here, so they just pretty much had time to put some bodywork on that. I did a 57.2 here. The Suzuki I qualified at mid-57, 57.5. I think for sure we've still got some changes to make and, just me, I've kind of been off for a few months. If I could get with somebody, you know, going faster, I think I could pick it up, but just out there riding around by myself slows me down."

On the first day of the test, Hayden ran with Muzzy Kawasaki's Aaron Yates, who was getting his first taste of the ZX-6.

Hayden turned in the second-best time, a 1:56.30, well back of Eric Bostrom's class-setting time of 1:55.17.

If there was one rider whose test was eventful, it was Roberts. The Erion Honda rider crashed on Friday, then hit a bird entering the chicane on Saturday.

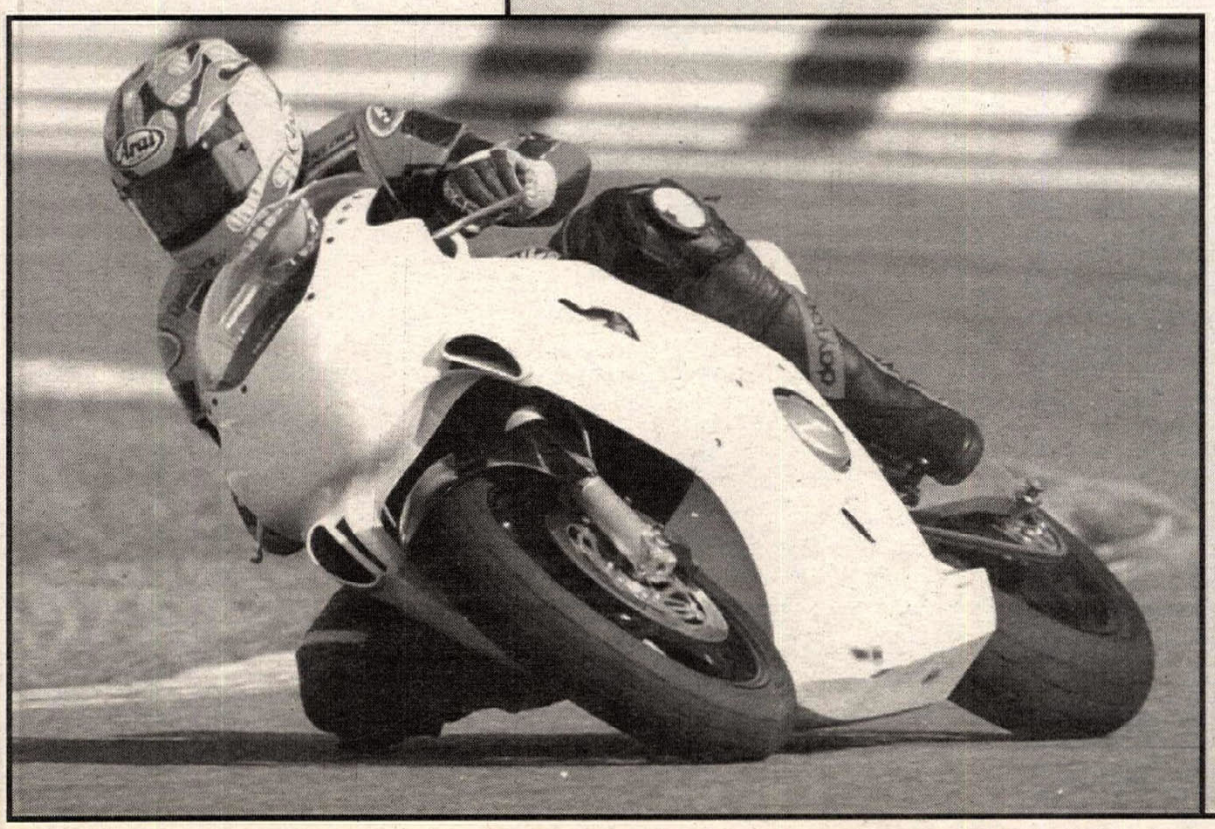
"I hit something and it just destroyed the windscreen," Roberts said. "Going in (to the chicane), like the second part of it. I bent it in there behind (Steve) Crevier and I saw him (the bird) coming. Crevier moved and it scared one of them and it flew down right into my windscreen. It shattered the windscreen, it hit me and a feather flew up into my helmet, the bird flew down into my lap. It wasn't very fun. I didn't want to touch it. I was just kind of moving around. I didn't even want to see it."

The crash was equally eventful, but more predictable. After riding his Erion Honda, which has rubber brake lines, Roberts went out on DuHamel's bike, which was fitted with braided-steel lines.

"I got on the one with the steel after being on the one with the rubber for a little bit," he began. "I got the tires warm. The next lap, I just got off going into the west banking corner and just grabbed it and picked the back end off the ground and it came down sideways. Once it came sideways, it just flicked me right in the air."

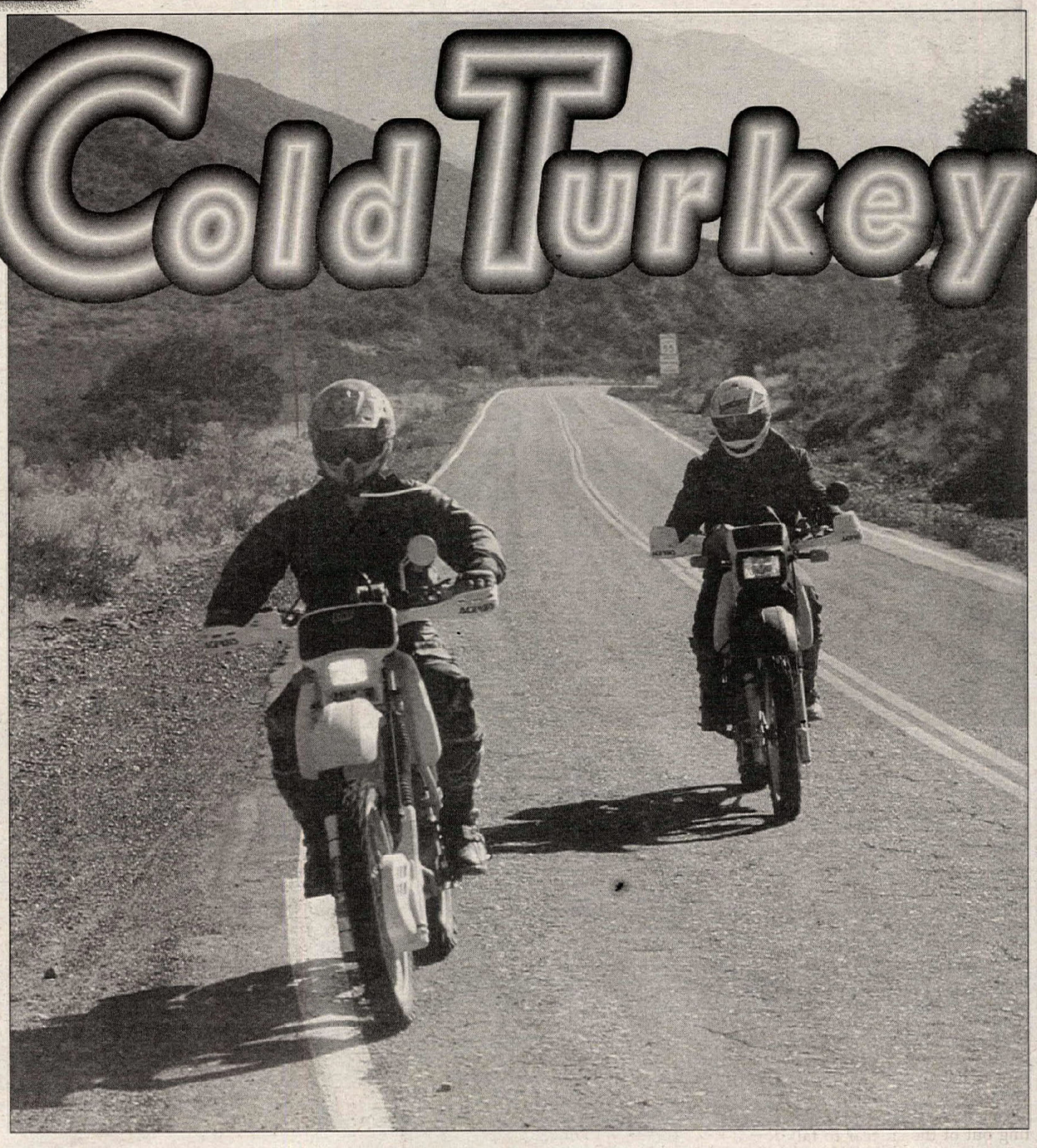
When it was all sorted out, Roberts had high praise for the new bike that he rode to the fifth-fastest time among the 600s.

"The bike's really good," he said. "The bike's really good. Night and day. Everywhere (it's improved). It's lighter, faster, corners better, handles better. And it looks better. Everything. It's just a better motorcycle, which, you know, usually happens. Some of the problems that we have that we need to figure out are probably going to take a while, because we've only been working on them for two days - but it's a lot of back-and-forth. With Honda, which is a great company, we're definitely going to have them figured out."



Nicky Hayden had his first ride on the Erion Racing Honda CBR600 F4 at Daytona. He was instantly fast and ended up second quickest, behind Eric Bostrom's factory Honda. Hayden was joined on the Erion team by Kurtis Roberts.

Cold Turkey



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Dressing was very important this Thanksgiving. Dressing warmly for the dual sport trek from the outskirts of Los Angeles to the glitter and glamour of Las Vegas, that is, because rain hit hard on the second day of this year's legendary LA-Barstow-to-Vegas ride. And if you weren't dressed for the conditions, you were a very cold, wet turkey by the time you reached the finish.

Rain was in the forecast when the dual sporters gathered for the start of the ride on the morning after Thanksgiving, but clear skies and temperatures in the 50s lulled them into a false sense of security as they headed out from Mountain Motorsports in Ontario.

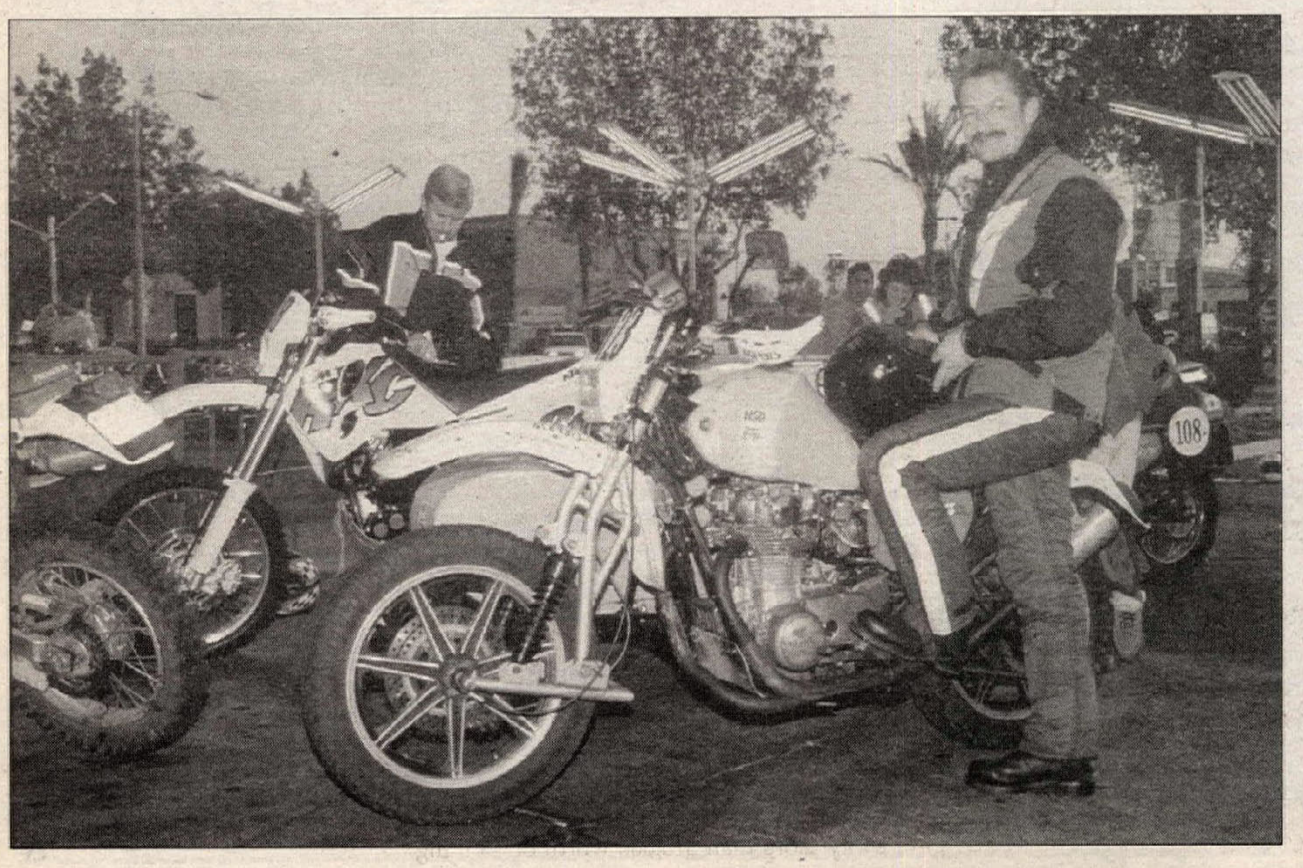
Day one's 196-mile course from Ontario to the overnight stop at Barstow began with a twisty, "turny" run through the San Bernardino National Forest. Riders who paid attention to the pre-ride instructions and followed their roll-charts carefully were treated to a challenging dirt section with rocky uphills right off the start, but less wide-awake starters spent their first miles on uninspiring pavement, which was provided as a bail-out for the less experienced riders.

"We didn't know to roll the chart down to pick up the more challenging part of the course in the beginning. That was probably in the instructions, but you know motorcyclists; we don't read the instructions," said John Hutcherson, who was tackling his first LA-B-to-V aboard a 1985 Honda XR350. "We're learning as we go but we are absolutely having fun and the weather's holding up great. It's actually getting pretty hot and we had to stop to take our gear off."

More experienced dual sporters, such as Honda XR600 pilot Alan Cohn, had no trouble reading the instructions or the course markings.

"I think the roll chart is perfect - it's almost as if my bike was the one they laid the course out on, and there is plenty of ribbon. Even a color-blind guy like me can see it," said Cohn.

Experienced riders also had the edge when it came to riding gear.



(Above) Riders turn off the pavement to follow dirt roads over the San Bernardino Mountains. (Left) Actor Perry King came out to ride the LA-B-to-V dual sport ride on a sidehack, but mechanical problems cut his ride short.

"This is my second year, so I'm prepared," said Victor Panico. "I have my electric vest, my Dumbo ears and fresh Pirellis. I've done a lot of paddling and a lot of dabbing, but no falls yet."

The challenge of mountain corners turned to fun of a different sort when the course hit the desert floor near Phelan and the riders started a dusty journey out past El Mirage Dry Lake. They took a turn around the Microwave Relay Station near Silver Peak, dashed past Red Buttes, navigated the Kramer Hills and then headed past Bell Mountain before making the final turn toward Barstow.

"The weather was great and so was the course, because it was different from previous years - we got to ride something a little different, and it had a really good combination of mountain roads and desert roads," said Larrie Trippet.

Actor Perry King had no idea how fun the desert section was because he snapped the forks on his sidehack before he reached the first gas stop in Phelan and was forced to truck his rig to a repair shop. He didn't get to see much of the desert on day two, either, thanks to a broken swingarm. But some of the sidehack riders who bounced and

(Left) Some riders took no chances when it came to dressing warmly for the traditionally chilly ride. (Right) Baja racer-turned-dual sporter Larkin Wright was one of many who participated in the two-day ride. (Below) This rider follows a dirt road that leads to Phelan.

bashed their way right to the finish couldn't help wondering if King wasn't the lucky one.

"It's a workout; it's the best workout you can ever get, but it's very hard work," said Bethel Lawrence Ethridge, who was piloting a 1975 CB750 attached to a Velorex Sidecar. "They say motocrossing is probably the most physically demanding sport there is; well, let me tell you, riding a sidehack on a solo course across country is pretty demanding also."

Diane, his wife of 42 years, who was riding in the sidecar, described her first LA-B-to-V experience as "scary sometimes. You couldn't see because of the dust in the air and you didn't know if you were driving off the edge, but we're having a good time and it took me getting out of the sidecar to fall down; I was on my own feet when I fell over."

The sidecar duo of Mike Braverman and Walt Fulton did drive right off the edge of an 8- or 9-foot drop at about 40 mph.

"It was probably about half an hour before lunch. We launched it in the air and now we can say we've really been airborne. We flew big time," said Braverman proudly.

Fulton seemed a little less impressed. "I've been sitting in the chair the better part of the day getting beat up real bad. I did this last year with my daughter and I got to beat her up. This year is payback, I guess," Fulton said.

A few wrong turns near the end of the course led to some creative routes into the day-one finish in Barstow.

"I thought the course was fun but the roll-chart just sucked," said Rich Gold. "Without a telescope over the top of it you can't read it because the letters are tiny, tiny. It wasn't meant for old people. I didn't actually get lost but a couple of times I had to slow down and squint pretty hard and then you hit something because you were looking down at the roll chart. That was a little bit exciting."

Day two was even more exciting for Gold, who was one of a handful of dual sporters selected to ride a special 290-mile course through Death Valley. BLM restrictions capped the Death Valley contingent at 35, and riders who wanted to experience the unique terrain had to submit a letter stating why they should be one of the chosen few.

"Not one of them had a taillight that was still working and they knew it was going to be a long day, so the sweep people took them to an auto-parts store and they replaced all the bulbs. They didn't make it in to the awards banquet until about 8:30 p.m.," said AMA District 37 Dual Sport Vice President, Jim Woods.

The rest of the riders got to follow a more traditional day-two course - a 240-mile trek that began with a run past Calico ghost town. It was a fun sand-wash and then a 50-mile stretch of power-line road that took a toll on tires, but support trucks from American Honda and ATK were on hand to help.

"We're offering support to anybody who comes in," said Charlie Keller, Manager of the Honda Riders' Club of America. "So far we've had fairly minor stuff. We had one guy come in who'd had a slight altercation with some rocks - a tube, a few missing bolts, but nothing serious. You know how Hondas are."

Something serious happened to the oldest rider in the pack 78-year-old Bud Wright. Wright, who has gone home with the Oldest Rider Award for at least five years, knocked himself out on day two when he crashed his XR200 and was helicoptered to a Las Vegas hospital. Luckily, he apparently escaped any major injuries and was on the mend before the weekend was over.

And about halfway through the ride, something serious happened to the rest of the riders, as well.

"We headed out of Baker and it started to sprinkle, and dumb Jimmy decided not to put on his Goretex," said Jim Woods. "It was okay at first, but by Good Springs it was just pouring, and it poured all the way to Vegas. We were just drenched."

But that didn't mean the riders weren't having fun.

"It got to pouring hard at the end to where you had to keep wiping your goggles off, but we had put our rain gear on and it wasn't that cold," said Roy Coe, who was piloting his 1980-ish Yamaha mongrel for the umpteenth year. "It had never rained on day two before this year, and I had never, ever smelled wet desert. The aroma of the plants and vegetation is amazing, but that wasn't the best thing. When we left Good Springs and rode down the valley towards the finish we were chasing a double rainbow all the way. It was spectacular. It was so bright it was hard to keep your eyes on the trail. It was like magic."

There was more magic at the banquet later that night, when organizers gave away more than $13,000 worth of dual sport-related products. They also announced the names of the award winners, which included Miguel Castillo, who won the Ben Gay Award for breaking his hand about 30 miles from the finish on the first day. Eric Olson, from Washington, won the Hard Luck Award after his Jeep and trailer were stolen in Las Vegas. The oldest bike to complete the course was the 1954 Triumph piloted by Bill Getty, and Bud Wright got the nod for oldest rider despite finishing his journey by medivac helicopter. Brian Pappalardo earned the Smallest Bike Award for completing the course on a Honda XR200, and Jody Villa got the Long Distance Award for traveling all the way from New Jersey to take part in a ride that most dual sporters consider to be the very best part of Thanksgiving. CN

Round 7-8: Henry L. Reaves Arena

Palmer delivers

By Dave Deringer
Photos by Karl Ockert

PERRY, GA, NOV. 27-28

On a mix of Georgia clay and Florida sand, Cliff Palmer, on his Carrollton Kawasaki/MSR/Sunstar-backed KXs, once again, relied on consistency to stay atop of the AMA/PJ1 National Arenacross Series leaderboard. In Georgia, Palmer made it to the podium three times, one those times following a win in Saturday's 250cc final, his fourth win so far. His worst finish in Georgia was a crash-induced sixth.

"I'm just keeping my cool and riding smart; it's a real long series and I need to be on the podium every time," Palmer said.

Chad Pederson took his Suzukis to two wins over the course of the weekend, one being in Friday's 250cc final and the next during Saturday's 125cc final. Pederson sits fourth in points after, so far, an up-and-down season.

Buddy Antunez also had a decent weekend aboard his Primal Impulse/Bill's Pipes-Suzuki. After an eighth and a fourth along with some bike problems on Friday, Antunez got it back together with a pair of second-place finishes on Saturday. With his finishes, Antunez moves into second in the points tally.

The other winner was Greg Rand, who opened the weekend's racing with a win in Friday's 125cc main.

After eight events, Palmer holds an 11-point lead over Antunez, 234-223. Jeff Willoh slipped back third with 222, and Pederson and Jeromy Buehl round out the top five with 215 and 200 points, respectively.

FRIDAY

Buehl grabbed the start of the 125cc final on his Tuf Racing/Thor/Pro Circuit-sponsored Honda. Rand and RRP/Acerbis-backed Ty Wallace were next.

As the riders made their way through the rockers for the first time, Rand blitzed his way by Buehl into the lead. Buehl's teammate Willoh quickly moved into third, while Dunlop/Silkolene-sponsored Antunez held fourth.

Rand and Buehl battled for several laps until Rand got into his rhythm and pulled away. Willoh moved in on Buehl a few laps later and settled into second as the battle raged behind him among Palmer, Antunez and Wallace.

By lap nine of the 16-lap race, Rand had checked out. Willoh held second as Palmer was solidly in third after Buehl had gone down solo in the rockers.

Antunez was the next to have problems, as he was fading quickly and looking down at his bike.

"A piece of dirt somehow got into the carburetor," Antunez's mechanic, Ed Longacre, said.

Antunez' teammate, Pederson, took advantage of the problem and moved into fourth, while Planet Honda/Pro Grip/Michelin-backed Brian Swink was on a charge, moving past Denny Stephenson and Wallace into fifth.

Rand took his first

(Above) Cliff Palmer extended his series points lead with four solid rides at the AMA/PJ1 National Arenacross in Georgia. Palmer won Saturday's 250cc final.
(Below) Chad Pederson scored two wins over the weekend.

win of the series a few laps later followed by Willoh, Palmer, Pederson and Swink.

"I'm getting into better shape and we are working things out," said the Carrollton Kawasaki/Pro Circuit/Tucker Rocky-backed Rand. "My arms pumped up a little, but I was pumped to be out front, too. We didn't really have the right tires for this terrain but somehow it all worked out."

Primal Impulse Suzuki/Bill's Pipes/Sunstar-sponsored Pederson nailed a perfect holeshot in the 250cc final followed by Willoh, Stephenson and Antunez. Palmer and Illinois' Tom Hofmaster tangled bars and both went down in the first turn. Palmer later restarted half a lap down in last.

"I had a good start but someone came in too hot and took us out," Palmer said of the incident. "Then I had to wait for everyone to get going until I could go."

Pederson used his start to quickly space himself from the pack, while Willoh, Stephenson, Antunez and Buehl were left to fight over second.

Antunez motored into third past Stephenson on lap three. Then Buehl made his way by the current champ on lap five as something was now wrong with Antunez's 250.

"We broke a circlip in the water impeller and it jammed some gears," Longacre said.

Willoh closed in on the leader Pederson toward the later stages of the race, as Pederson was dealing with lappers. After eventually passing the lapped riders, Pederson just picked up his pace on the hard-charging Willoh and crossed the line for his third win of the series.

Willoh would cross the finish in second, while Buehl took third in front of Antunez, who managed to hold on to fourth. Excel/Noleen/Thor-supported Jason Thomas finished fifth, and Palmer salvage a sixth.

"Those lappers weren't really cooperating with that blue flag and they just stayed in that fast lane," Pederson said of the race. "It got close there for a bit, but I knew I had to get going."

"I'll just settle for second again, but that is consistency and that's what I'm here for," said Willoh of his second runner-up finish of the night.

"I'm happy with third but bummed about that 125cc finish," Buehl said after the race. "It's a lot easier when you get that holeshot though, I'll tell you that."

"The bike was running funny, and I just rode around at half-pace, I didn't want anything stupid to happen," Antunez said. "I can't believe I got fourth. Those guys must not have been trying too hard."

SATURDAY

Willoh, Antunez, Buehl and Pederson were at the head of the pack in the 125cc feature as the previous night's winner Rand was left on the ground in the first turn.

Pederson made the first move as he block-passed Buehl in the wide, sandy first-turn sweeper on the second lap into third.

Palmer, who started midpack, was up to fifth by lap three and gunning for the leaders.

Antunez made his way by Willoh for the lead a lap later, then Palmer used the same move as Pederson - in the same place - on Buehl for fourth.

"I had the drive on the inside and one of us had to back off," Palmer said.

Willoh came up quite short on the big double around the halfway point of the race and lost two positions.

"I missed a gear, so I jumped that thing in first and it just wasn't enough," Willoh said.

As a result, Pederson moved into second and Palmer dived into third.

Antunez cruised out front for several more laps, looking to have his first win of the series, as Pederson was slowly closing in. With four laps remaining, Antunez cased the triple that he had been doing flawlessly all night long.

Pederson saw the mistake and pounced on the opportunity and, in the next corner, took the lead away from Antunez as Antunez drifted to the wall excessively wide.

Pederson held his ground all the way to the finish for his fourth win of the series as Antunez recovered to finish second ahead of Palmer. Teammates Buehl and Willoh drag-raced down the final straight for position, and Willoh took fourth by a wheel.

"I got by him (Antunez) before he could pull himself back together, otherwise he would have won that one," Pederson said of the pass. "I was able to capitalize on that mistake, but before that I wasn't able to gain much ground on him anywhere."

"It was just a mental mistake on my part," Antunez said of the bobble. "I had been doing it from the inside all night, and I didn't compensate for the rut that time."

Grabbing the start of the 250cc final from the outside gate was Bromley Suzuki/Arai/Scott-sponsored Barry Carsten. Antunez, Palmer, Stephenson and Pederson chased.

Palmer moved by Antunez on the first lap, then he outjumped Carsten on lap two. Antunez got by Carsten through the rockers on lap three, as did Stephenson over the triple.

Palmer had pulled a gap over Antunez by lap seven and was one of the few riders to jump the large quad jump. Series front-runner Willoh started poorly and was working through traffic and was up to ninth.

Palmer was on his way to his fourth win of the series, as Antunez rode in second several laps later. Stephenson was holding third but looked to be tiring with several laps remaining.

As Carsten was fading from his good start, Pederson, Buehl and Banzai Suzuki/Xtreme's Hofmaster all took advantage, moving into fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

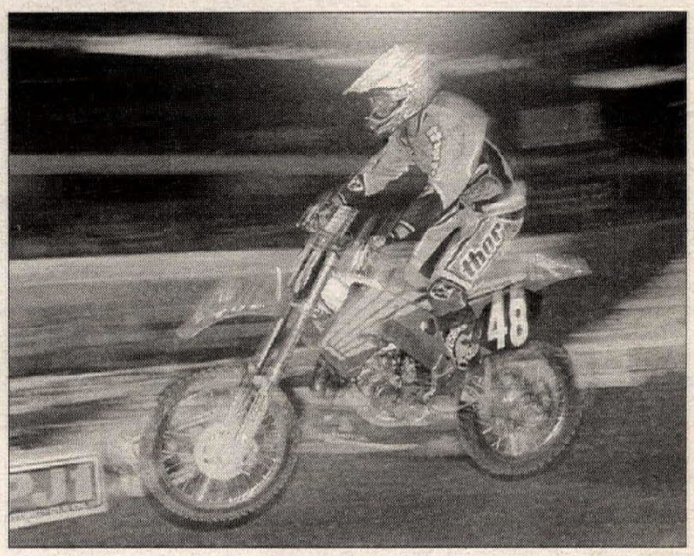
"I'm not used to being out front but I had fun," Carsten said. "I pumped up a little and just rode the best I could."

Willoh and Wallace then tangled late in the race while dicing for eighth and both lost many positions.

As the checkers flew, it was Palmer with a decisive win over Antunez. Stephenson fought for all he had the last few laps, as Buehl and Pederson nipped at his fender, but he held on to round out the podium.

"I did my job in that one," said Palmer of the near-perfect ride. "I ride the 250cc well and feel that if I get out to a top-five start that I can win it. I saw Buddy the whole time - he was keeping me honest, but I gave it 100 percent the entire time."

Stephenson was happy finishing third. "This is for my dad, he's behind me all the time. I'm like a light switch - sometimes on and sometimes off. I'll take third though; these are some of the best riders in the world. People don't realize it, but these Arenacross guys kick ass." CN



(Above) Greg Rand picked up his first win of the season with a victory on opening night. (Above right) Defending champ Buddy Antunez suffered mechanical problems Friday night but came back and posted top finishes Saturday night. (Right) Jeff Willoh rode well all weekend and picked up a win in Saturday night's Dash For Cash.

Henry L. Reaves Arena
Perry, Georgia
Results: November 27-28, 1998 (Rounds 7 and 8 of 34)

Friday

125 PRO (15 riders, 16 laps): 1. Greg Rand (Kaw); 2. Jeff Willoh (Hon); 3. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 4. Chad Pederson (Suz); 5. Brian Swink (Hon); 6. Matt Shue (Suz); 7. Ty Wallace (Yam); 8. Buddy Antunez (Suz); 9. Tom Hofmaster (Suz); 10. Brad Woolsey (Kaw); 11. Denny Stephenson (Hon); 12. Jim Chester (Suz); 13. Jason Thomas (Yam); 14. Jeromy Buehl (Hon); 15. Scott Graves (Yam).

250 PRO (15 riders, 20 laps): 1. Chad Pederson (Suz); 2. Jeff Willoh (Hon); 3. Jeromy Buehl (Hon); 4. Buddy Antunez (Suz); 5. Jason Thomas (Yam); 6. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 7. Denny Stephenson (Hon); 8. Matt Shue (Suz); 9. Greg Rand (Kaw); 10. Ty Wallace (Yam); 11. Brian Swink (Hon); 12. Jim Chester (Suz); 13. Tom Hofmaster (Suz); 14. Brad Woolsey (Kaw); 15. Josh Whitmire (Yam).

DFC: 1. Chad Pederson (Suz); 2. Denny Stephenson (Hon); 3. Jeromy Buehl (Hon); 4. Jeff Willoh (Hon).

JUMP-OFF: 1. Tom Hofmaster (Suz); 2. Jeff Willoh (Hon); 3. Matt Shue (Suz).

Saturday

125 PRO (15 riders, 16 laps): 1. Chad Pederson (Suz); 2. Buddy Antunez (Suz); 3. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 4. Jeff Willoh (Hon); 5. Jeromy Buehl (Hon); 6. Denny Stephenson (Hon); 7. Jason Thomas (Yam); 8. Brad Woolsey (Kaw); 9. Matt Shue (Suz); 10. Jim Chester (Suz); 11. Ty Wallace (Yam); 12. Greg Rand (Kaw); 13. Barry Carsten (Suz); 14. Tom Hofmaster (Suz); 15. Josh Whitmire (Yam).

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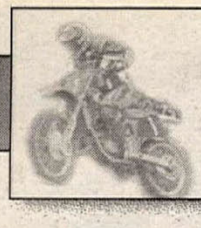
AMA/PJ1 NATIONAL ARENACROSS SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 8 of 34 rounds): 1. Cliff Palmer (234/4 wins); 2. Buddy Antunez (223); 3. Jeff Willoh (222/1); 4. Chad Pederson (215/4); 5. Jeromy Buehl (200/2); 6. Denny Stephenson (194); 7. Greg Rand (171/1); 8. Heath Voss (124/2); 9. Jim Chester (120); 10. Tom Hofmaster (113); 11. Ty Wallace (101); 12. Brad Woolsey (91); 13. (TIE) Charley Bogard/Jeff Gibson (89); 15. Barry Carsten (75); 16. Jason Thomas (66); 17. Brian Swink (64); 18. Matt Shue (44); 19. Mike Jones (43); 20. Robbie Horton (36).

Upcoming Rounds:
Rounds 9-10 - Rockford, Illinois, December 4-5
Rounds 11-12 - Fort Worth, Texas, January 1-2

Briefly...

As a result of the on-track altercation at the Jacksonville round between **Charley Bogard** and **Jason Thomas**, Bogard will sit several weeks out with a three-race suspension and a $2000 fine. Thomas raced at Perry, as he has been put on a one-year probationary period with the AMA.

Planet Honda/Pro Grip's **Brian Swink** was on hand at Perry and raced the first night, but then packed up and headed home on Saturday. Swink injured his thumb at the opener in Des Moines and he has been riding in pain ever since. He raced one night in Massachusetts, sat out at Jacksonville and tried again this week, but the pain was too much. "I'm going to the doctor on Monday," Swink said. "I thought it would get better, but it isn't."



MOTOCROSS
FLORIDA WINTER NATIONAL OLYMPICS

Gainsville, Florida

Riddle rolls in gold

(Left) Ben Riddle (41) gets the jump on Chad Johnson (35) and the rest of the 125cc B class at the Florida Mini Olympics in Gainesville. Riddle ended up earning the Golden Goggle Award for his performance at Gatorback.
(Above) Riddle leads Andrew Short (131), who came away with wins in the 125cc B (12-15) class in the supercross portion of the event.

By Mike and Anne Adair

GAINESVILLE, FL, NOV. 24-28

Team Green Kawasaki's Ben Riddle rolled to an overwhelming victory, winning both the prestigious Scott Golden Goggle and Pro Circuit Platinum Pipe Awards in the 26th annual Florida Winter National Olympics. Riddle not only won both 125 and 250cc B divisions, but also tallied the highest point score among all 4000 entries.

Matt Walker rode his Al Lane/Fox Racing/Motoplanet-backed Yamaha to an overall victory in the 125cc Expert class and second in the 250cc Expert class to earn the Dunlop Silver Tire Award.

FMF/Chaparral Yamaha Rider Ryan Morais, meanwhile, was presented with the Fox Bronze Boot Award after winning each and every moto in the Stock and Modified 85cc (14-15) classes.

"He is the only rider with a perfect record here this year," Walker said while presenting the award to Morais. "I'm glad that I'm not on an 80 and have to race against him."

Pee Wee-class champions Madison Hambright and Sean Hackley were awarded KTM Motorcycles in their age divisions. Sean Hackley, who was the top guy in the 7- to 8-year-old class, said: "The points came down to the final moto. I hit the gate early, started last and rode hard to finish third to win the championship."

The Ricky Joseph Sportsmanship award was given to Jessie Sturgel and Jerry Van Braun.

"These two young men selflessly stopped during their race and helped pull a bike off a stricken rider," promoter Bill West said.

After winning the Mechanic Award, Robin Farley said: "Elsie Davis and I packed up the kids, left our husbands behind in Maryland to go hunting and headed for the Winter Olympics. Elsie got the kids ready to race and I kept five 50cc bikes going. The kids rode well and we had a wonderful time at a very special event."

Scott's Bevo Forte, missed the event for the first time in recorded history. Forte said by phone: "The family is all at home standing by for our next child - count on us to be back next year."

TT

The Unlimited Sports track crew prepared a TT track that was wide, smooth, fast and fun for the riders.

In the opening 125cc Stock final, Walker passed Ivan Tedesco to take the early lead, though Tedesco took advantage of a Walker miscue to score the win.

Walker then moved from a fifth-place start in the Modified main to take the win.

"The track was in perfect condition," Walker said. "I kept it rolling and picked off Tedesco and Aaron Day for the victory."

In 250cc A Stock action, Keith Johnson passed Billy Payne on the first lap and led all the way to the flag.

Damien Plotts then erased Walker's 250cc A Modified holeshot with a pass and the two dueled for the win. Payne and Johnson finished second and third, respectively.

"It's good to be back racing," Plotts said. "I've been running my own business for three years and have missed the competition."

Kyle Keylon passed Kenny Henry to win the opening Pee Wee (7-8) final. Defending champion Brandon Large, who ended up finishing fifth, said: "This is my last race. My knee ligaments are gone. I will have to have surgery and be out for a year."

Thousand Oaks Kawasaki's Mike Alessi started a near sweep of the 65cc (7-9) classes with flag-to-flag wins.

Nick Evvennou and Matt Goerke started their week-long battle for the 65cc (10-11) supremacy with Evennou taking both wins after very close races.

Contenders in the 85cc (7-11) class, Brandon Layton and Broc Helper divided class wins.

"I was leading Broc in the Modified main, hit a rut and was thrown off my bike," Layton said. "I was dragged beside it and finally got back in the seat to hold the lead."

Gene Stull topped Nathan Davenport and Shane Lusk in the 85cc (12-13) final events.

In 125cc (12-15) competition, Jonathan Shimp, who has recently switched from 80cc bikes, topped Chase Reed and Bobby Bonds. Reed rolled back with a Modified win ahead of Johnny Marley.

Barney's Yamaha's Billy Wood worked hard for his Over 30-class win ahead of Rodney Carrier and Eric McHatton.

Over 35 winner John Lundy said: "My son is hurt and can't race. I'm almost 40 years old and wonder what I'm doing here."

Thousand Oaks Kawasaki's R.J. Thompson upset Riddle in the 125cc Stock B main, but Riddle rolled to wins in the Modified 125cc B main and 250cc Stock mains to stay on track for the top awards.

SUPERCROSS

During the second event of the week, injuries began taking their toll on the favorites. Expert riders Jeff Gibson and Payne and 125cc B rider Johnny Marley were sidelined with injuries.

The 125cc A Stock main began with Travis Elliott leading Walker, Jarrret Rhodes, Jason Thomas and Keith Johnson. Walker passed Elliot for the win.

Walker trailed Keith Johnson in the 250cc A Stock main, with Thomas taking the win.

"I thought that I had a win until my throttle stuck just before the whoops," Johnson said. "I had to pull in the clutch and quit."

In the 250cc A Modified final, Damien Plott's YCH/KTM rolled past Johnson and then led every lap. Walker, meanwhile, ended up fifth.

"I was trying to take Plotts, got too close, clipped his rear tire, went down and scrambled back to fifth," Walker said.

In the Pee Wee Stock final class, Madison Hambright and Cameron Smith battled. Smith held the lead for two laps, with Hambright moving by for the win at the halfway point.

Matt Goerke stayed in the 65cc (10-11) championship hunt by taking over the Stock-class final and passing Evvennou for the class win.

It was the Alessi brothers who swept the 65cc (7-9) classes. Mike, as usual, dominated the Stock class. In the Modified main, Mike started near last after a gate stack-up. Brother Jeff rose to the occasion, holding on for the win.

"I was in the lead and realized, 'Hey, it's finally my turn to win one,'" Jeff Alessi said.

Gene Stull, the dominator of the 85cc (12-13) TT class, was missing from the Supercross lineup, allowing Puerto Rico's Edgardo Rojas to win both classes.

"Rojas got great starts and was out of range before I could get going in both motos," runner-up Donnie McGourty said.

Morais made it four in a row with another sweep of the 85cc (14-15) classes, with Gavin Gracyk and William Browning alternating second-place finishes.

"The FMF guys have been invaluable to me," Morais said. "My suspension and jetting have been right on."

In the 125cc (12-15) division, Thousand Oaks Yamaha's Bobby Bonds claimed a pair of wins.

"I was having a lot of trouble with my starts," Bonds said. "I switched to second gear, and started getting better traction of the gate."

John Lundy passed Jim Faulkenberg to win the Over 35 final.

"I was looking back and landed short on a jump and jammed my ankle," Lundy said. "I'm not going to take my boot off until my last class."

Barry Mayo took time off from his track preparation and topped both the Over 40 and Over 50 motos.

Riddle finished second to Bonds in both the 125cc B Stock and Modified finals.

Andrew Short, meanwhile, took the 250cc stock win ahead of Riddle.

Indiana State Women's Champion Jennifer Squire competed in the 125cc class.

MOTOCROSS

Walker and Plots were neck and neck in the Expert points race going into the

motocross portion of the Olympics. In the 125cc A Stock motos, it was all Walker.

"I was second in moto one, but in moto two, I got hit and knocked down in the first turn," Plotts said. Walker narrowly avoided the pileup.

Plotts regained points with a win over Keith Johnson in the 125cc A Modified motos. Johnson, who won moto one, said: "I got a good start behind Travis Elliott, rode aggressively and took the win."

In moto two, Walker took his time and picked off Johnson, Carsten and finally Plotts on the final lap for the win.

Walker and Plotts shared moto wins in the 250cc A Stock motos, but the Modified class settled the championship. In the first 250cc A Modified moto, Plotts passed Kenny Yoho and was leading the race when his KTM's rear spokes collapsed. Plotts limped to 17th place while Walker and Yoho battled for the win.

"I thought the swingarm had broken," Plotts said. "It was a terrible feeling."

Plotts led the final 250cc Modified moto all the way, earning the 125cc A overall championship - but Yoho took the overall for the class and Walker earned the Dunlop Silver Tire Award.

Mike Alessi controlled the final four 65cc (7-8) motos and was a clear winner for the championship.

"I only had one bad moto, so next year I will be back after the Fox Bronze Boot Award," Alessi said.

Evvennou topped Goerke in both 65cc (7-11) motos. Goerke responded with the Modified-class win but finished three points behind in the championship.

Layton and Milsaps raced to the final flag for the 85cc (7-11) championship. Milsaps won the Stock class, but Layton took the Modified-class win and the championship.

"I wouldn't be here except for the Milsaps," Layton said. "They brought one of our bikes back here from Loretta Lynn's so that we could fly in from California. Davi is a good friend and we have a good time racing together."

BSY Racing-backed Donnie McGourty topped the 85cc (12-13) Stock class and was second to Gene Stull in the Modified class. Edgardo Rojas took the title back to Puerto Rico with a 2-3 finish.

Morais, meanwhile, went on to a clean sweep via two more motocross victories.

"Gavin Gracyk was right behind me all week," Morais said. "I had to catch and pass him in the Supecross Modified final."

Chase Reed and Bonds split 125cc (12-15) class wins. Reed pushed hard all week to end the event with the third-highest overall score behind Riddle and Walker.

Carsten celebrated the recent birth of his new daughter with Over 25 and Over 30 class wins.

Johnny Borders topped the Over 40 motos, but Jerry Sales earned the championship.

Barry Mayo, meanwhile, defended his Over 50 title.

Riddle and Bonds ended their week-long battle in the 125cc B motos with a split.

"In the Modified, Bobby and I swapped the lead three times on the first lap," Riddle said. "He slid wide and I got by him for the last time."

Riddle's Al Lane Kawasaki rolled up three of four moto wins in the 250cc B motos to claim two championships and the Scott Golden Goggle Award.

Steve Mertens scored one class win in each event to win the 125cc-class championship.

Final 250cc C-class honors went to Jackson Vic and Ty Conner, with John Brannum taking the title with consistent top finishes. CN

(Left) Matt Walker (80) leads the 125cc A class over Damien Potts (480). Walker was awarded the Dunlop Silver Tire Award.
(Right) Ryan Morais skies his Yamaha en route to winning the 85cc (14-15) class. Morais came away with the Fox Bronze Boot Award for his efforts on the track.

Mike Alessi won all but one moto in the 65cc class during the 26th annual running of the Florida Mini Olympics.

Gatorback Cycle Park
Gainesville, Florida
Results: November 23-28, 1998

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125 A STK: 1. Ivan Tedesco (Yam); 2. Matt Walker (Yam); 3. Aaron Day (Kaw); 4. Mark Thompson (Yam); 5. Tim Langdon (Kaw).

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85 (14-15) STK: 1. Ryan Morais (Yam); 2. Gavin Gracyk (Kaw); 3. Nichols Vaughn (Kaw); 4. Paul Perebynos (Hon); 5. Steve Grimes (Yam).

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125 (12-15) STK: 1. Jonathan Shimp (Yam); 2. Chase Reed (Yam); 3. Bobby Bonds (Yam); 4. Andrew Short (Kaw); 5. Johnny Marley (Yam).

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125 C STK: 1. Aaron Stancil (Yam); 2. Buzz Mayfield (Yam); 3. Brandon Butler (Hon); 4. John Brannum (Yam); 5. Nathan York (Hon).

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250 C MOD: 1. Nathan Banister (Yam); 2. Jonathan Bolivar (Hon); 3. Robert Cecil (Kaw); 4. Charles Snatcher (Kaw); 5. Corey Hormes (Hon).

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125 A STK: 1. Matt Walker (Yam); 2. Travis Elliott (Hon); 3. Jason Toms (Yam); 4. Keith Johnson (Yam); 5. Ivan Tedesco (Yam).

125 A MOD: 1. Matt Walker (Yam); 2. Travis Elliott (Hon); 3. Jason Thomas (Yam); 4. Ivan Tedesco (Yam); 5. Barry Carsten (Suz).

250/500 A STK: 1. Jason Thomas (Yam); 2. Matt Walker (Yam); 3. Damien Plotts (KTM); 4. Randy Valade (Kaw); 5. Ryan Jones (Hon).

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250 C MOD: 1. Ty Conner (Kaw); 2. Robert Cecil (Kaw); 3. Ryan Shernaman (Yam); 4. Kyle Hockstetler (Kaw); 5. Lance Hallmark (Kaw).

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125 A STK: 1. Matt Walker (Yam); 2. Randy Valade (Kaw); 3. Tim Langdon (Kaw); 4. Travis Elliott (Hon); 5. Damien Plotts (KTM).

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250 C STK: 1. Jackson Vick (Hon); 2. John Brannum (Yam); 3. Robert Cecil (Kaw); 4. Ryan Shernaman (Yam); 5. Josh Askew (Yam).

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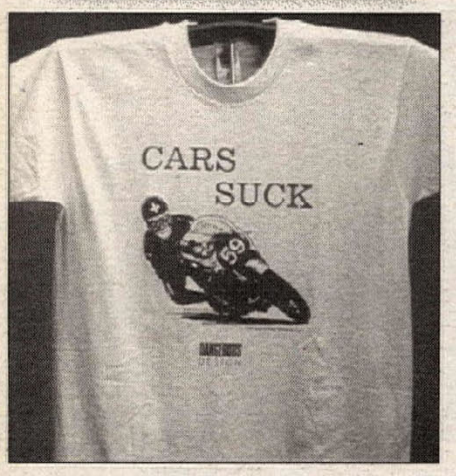
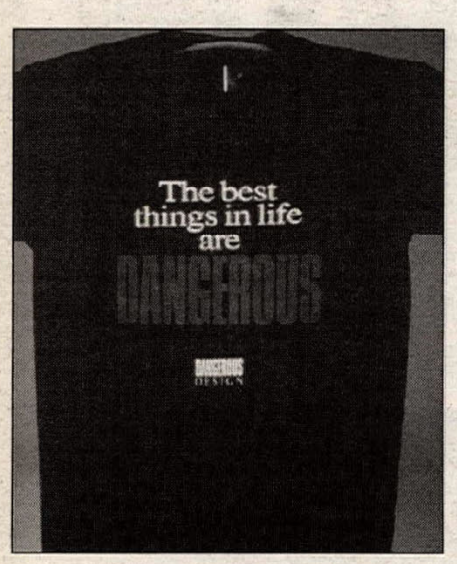


A DANGEROUS ATTITUDE

Dangerous Design is back, and the company is offering several new T-shirt, long-sleeve T-shirt and sweatshirt designs that help convey their thoughts on the speed culture. All shirts feature premium top-quality materials for durability and are available in sizes up to XXXL. Several different designs are available, with suggested retail prices starting at $18.95. For more information, see your local motorcycle dealer or contact Dangerous Design, Dept. CN, 15220 Sodium St. NW, Ramsey, MN 55303, 800/465-9008.



TRY A Z3

Metzeler has released its **ME Z3 racing radial tire** as the successor to its still-current ME Z1 model high-performance and racing radial tire. The Z3 retains the advantages of the Z1's steel-belted radial technology, but that technology has now been added to the Z3 front tire. Metzeler claims that the Z3 provides tremendous damping properties and nearly eliminates "kick-back" on rough surfaces under hard acceleration. The ME Z3's new tread design features a completely new silica compound to provide improved grip in the wet and better abrasion properties. It is available in three sizes that fit the vast majority of D.O.T. Supersport- and Superstock-class sportbikes. Suggested retail pricing is between $194.82 and $202.95 for the front and $224.25 and $264.85 for the rear. For more information, see your local motorcycle dealer or contact Metzeler Motorcycle Tire North America, Dept. CN, 410 Eagleview Blvd., Suite 106, Exton, PA 19341, 610/524-2190.

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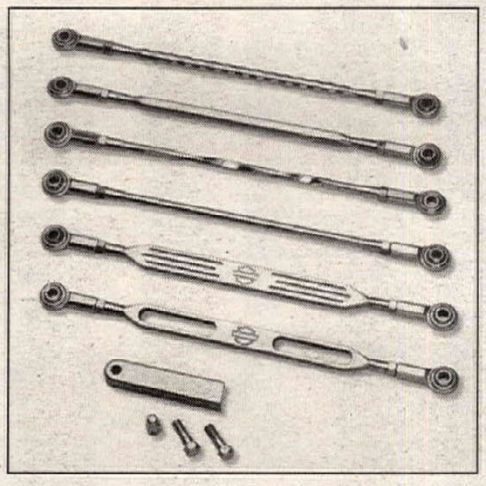
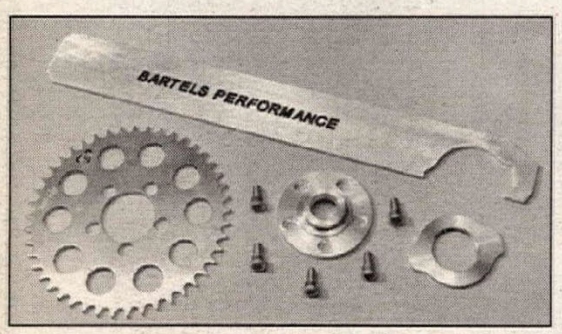


SHIFTING GEARS

Harley-Davidson Motor Company has bumped up a gear with the introduction of their custom-designed **gear-shift linkages**. You have to shift gears, so you might as well do it in style. The new, polished stainless-steel gear-shift linkages come in six eye-catching designs including slotted with bar and shield, ball-milled with bar and shield, hex, diamond, round and twisted. The linkages feature aircraft-quality rod ends for easy shifting and are available for '93-and-later Dyna Wide Glide models, Dyna models equipped with Forward Controls, and '86-and-later Softail and Touring models with foot controls. Suggested retail prices range from $83.95 to $149.95, depending on design. For more information, call your local dealer or contact Harley-Davidson Genuine Motor Parts and Motor Accessories, Dept. CN, 3700 W. Junea P.O. Box 653, Milwaukee, WI 53201, 414/342-4680.



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Robbed?

By Paolo Gozzi

Tetsuya Harada was one corner away from the 1998 250cc World Championship. One medium-speed right-hander from finishing second in the Grand Prix of Argentina, a position that would have given him just enough points to earn the crown. His teammate and closest rival, Loris Capirossi, however, had other ideas. Coming from well behind his Japanese teammate, Capirossi was desperate and he simply refused to slow down, ramming Harada and sending him flying into the gravel pit.

Defeated and angry, Harada couldn't believe what had happened. And over a month later, he still can't. Despite Harada's winning five races to Capirossi's two, the act of desperation in the final corner gave the title to the Italian. Harada won't ever forget it.

If time heals all wounds, several weeks haven't done anything to calm Harada. He's angry and seems hell-bent on staying that way.

"Capirossi made a big mistake," Harada said at the recent Aprilia test in Jerez, Spain. "He said there was enough room on the inside to pass me, but if that was really the case then he would have passed me without knocking me off. Instead he touched me and this proved there was not enough room. The speed he arrived at, it was absolutely impossible for him to get around the curve. If he hadn't leaned on my bike, he would surely have gone off the track. Just look at the photos of the incident - before we touched he was upright, I was leaning over. If he had really been able to take the curve at that speed, then he would have been champion of the world a long time ago - he would have won more championships and would have been a better rider than Mick Doohan."

In his defense, Capirossi said that the computer analysis on his Aprilia 250 showed that he went through that decisive corner just 1 kph faster than on the previous lap. Harada isn't buying it.

"Maybe at the moment of the collision he was going 1 kph faster, but he arrived at the breaking point at a crazy speed," Harada said. "He says these things because he doesn't understand anything about bikes."

The newly-crowned 250cc World Champion also said that Harada left him room up the inside and he did nothing but slide into that gap.

"I have also analyzed the data acquisition, and I can tell you that I braked at the same point as on the previous lap, the exact point to take the curve," Harada explained. "In any case, I didn't have any reason to make any strange move - I had passed Capirossi a few curves before, and the last time I turned my head, just before going into the final curve, I could see that he was way off and couldn't have attacked me in any way. He could have only caught up with me by not braking. If Loris doesn't understand this, then he had better give up being a rider."

Harada doesn't mince words. In his opinion Capirossi made that move on purpose. Going into the race, Capirossi had a four-point lead and he knew that even if both crashed, he would still be World Champion.

"I'm sure he did it on purpose," Harada said. "If that wasn't the case, he would have apologized at the end of the race. Instead, he didn't - he just blamed me for everything. I would have accepted his excuses and I would have congratulated him, because at Buenos Aires he went well all the way through the race, unlike other rounds. The way the championship was going, I could even have accepted a victory for Capirossi. But not in this way - I just can't accept that kind of behavior."

Capirossi gave his everything because he couldn't afford to lose another title. In 1993 at Jarama, the Italian rider, then with Honda, had the title sewn up but Harada had a great race and managed to overturn the result. The season after that, Capirossi lost again, this time to Max Biaggi. Another defeat would have been too much.

This time, controversy was brought on not only by the maneuver, which led the FIM stewards to exclude him from the Argentine GP results after Harada's protest. What caused more furor was the fact that the decision was then annulled, upsetting even FIM President Francesco Zerbi, who had strongly criticized Capirossi for his behavior on the track. What Capirossi said immediately after the race was also controversial. As soon as he finished the race, he told Italian television, "I'd have knocked the devil himself off if he'd been out there up front." This clearly indicated that he had deliberately caused the incident.

At first Aprilia pretended not to hear these words.

Over the next few days Capirossi didn't do much to play down the controversy. In his opinion, throughout the season, Aprilia had always given the

more powerful engines to Harada. The Japanese rider, however, doesn't agree.

"He's always been saying these things," Harada said. "In 1997, during private testing at Mugello, the mechanics fitted my engine to his bike, but he still couldn't go faster than me. Aprilia has been very correct in giving the three factory riders the same material. Capirossi says he only got the good stuff from Barcelona onwards. He obviously didn't do much with it, however, because (Valentino) Rossi won the next races. They're just excuses."

Aside from the defeat, Harada considers his second season with Aprilia to be a positive one.

"Aprilia is a great manufacturer and has got some really good engineers," he said. "They prepared a 250 that was unbeatable, and they always behaved correctly. Even though I am Japanese, I had the same material as Rossi and Capirossi. After Argentina some of the company's top directors phoned me to say that I should consider myself the real World Champion. That gave me a lot of pleasure."

Harada had a fantastic season, winning five Grands Prix (more than anyone else), but he made a big mistake at Imola. He crashed in qualifying after earning pole position, fracturing his left ankle. It was an incident he paid for at the end of the season.

"I made a big mistake on that occasion," Harada admits. "I thought I was going slowly, but instead I was on the limit. I slid off in the race due to my crash on Saturday. I didn't have any feeling in my left foot, and I ended up on the ground."

Despite the bitter defeat, life goes on and Harada is already hard at work in preparation for the 1999 championship. His move to 500cc Grand Prix racing is something that Aprilia wanted badly, and they hope Harada can bring some life back to the twin-cylinder RSV that was put aside at the end of 1997 because of poor results. It will also mean a clear run to the 250cc title for Valentino Rossi.

Harada says he still hasn't made a final decision on moving to the 500cc class, but after setting the 500cc lap record at Jerez in his debut on the bike, his choice seems to be a foregone conclusion.

"I know that if I stay in 250 I would have a great chance of becoming number one again, and it won't be easy to refuse this opportunity," Harada said. "But I'm also attracted by the adventure in 500. Riding a 500 is a unique experience; there is so much power that 250s seem like scooters. I also found the Aprilia wasn't as bad as everyone said it was. We've got the whole of the winter to work on development, and I think I can get right up there with the 500s."

What Harada wants more than anything is never to see Capirossi in the same garage again - and his request will most likely be met by Aprilia. Capirossi has a contract that expires at the end of 1999, but Aprilia has already made it clear that it doesn't want him in Grand Prix racing. The 250cc World Champion didn't even take part in the mid-November tests at Jerez - a test where the entire team was present for shakedown rides on the new 1999 bike.

"We are no longer friends, and I hope he has the courage to come up to me and apologize sometime," Harada said. "I would have liked him to have done so already, but I will even accept his apologies after some time has passed. I know he won't do it, because he knows he made a mistake." CN

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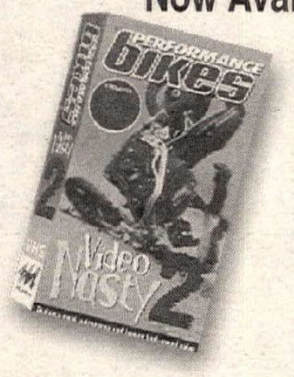

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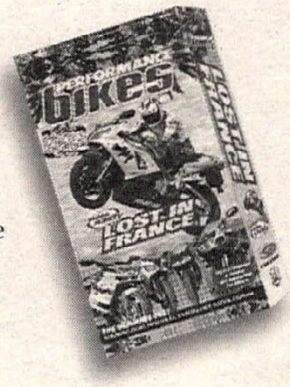

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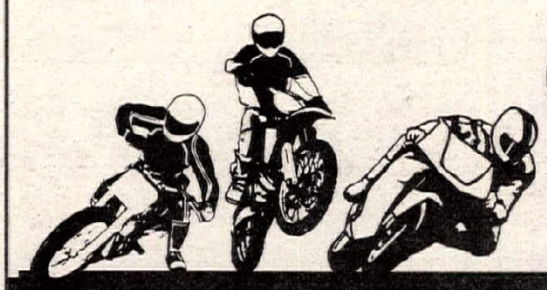

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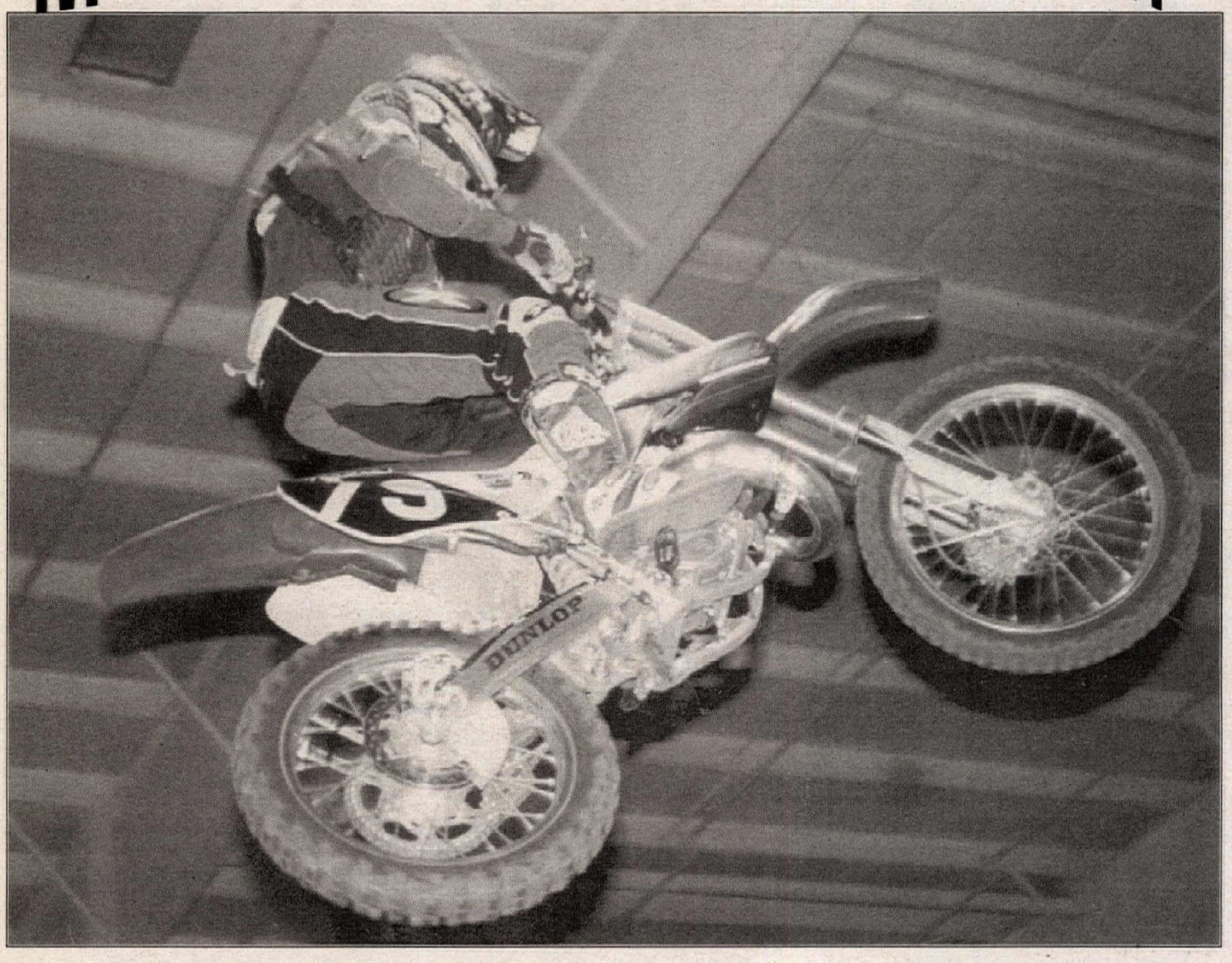

Brad Hagseth sailed to 1-1 moto finishes in the 125cc Pro class and took third in the Pro Challenge at the CMC Salem Arenacross in Oregon.

By Don Schneider

SALEM, OR, NOV. 27

Jason McCormick piloted his Planet Honda/FMF-backed CR250 to the 250cc Pro-class and 40-lap Pro Challenge wins at the sixth round of the CMC Arenacross Series held at the Salem (Oregon) Fairgrounds. The Vancouver, Washington, resident took home the lion's share of the purse, including $3000 for the Pro Challenge win.

McCormick was not the only rider to walk away with some spending cash. Winning the 125cc Pro class in perfect 1-1 fashion was CR-mounted Brad Hagseth. Hagseth also finished an impressive third in the Pro Challenge aboard the same 125cc machine that he raced in both 125cc Pro motos.

Ryan Terlecki separated McCormick and Hagseth in the Pro Challenge with the runner-up position. Terlecki was the only rider on the track not to get lapped by McCormick in the 40-lap feature and finished only two staightaways behind McCormick. Terlecki also led the first 250cc Pro moto, until McCormick stuffed his CR by Terlecki and made a run for the finish.

In the second 250cc Pro moto, Terlecki once again had the stellar start, but McCormick seized the lead before the race was a lap old. McCormick went on to win, and his 1-1 moto tally gave him the overall win. Terlecki earned second with his good starts, finishing ahead of Jason Matthews.

In the Amateur program, Michael Scheel grabbed the early lead in the first 125cc Intermediate moto, with Tyson Lacey in hot pursuit. The lead duo was followed by Tracy Johnson, Tim Meyer, and Ray Conkey. Johnson made a bonzai pass on lap two around both Lacey and Scheel and held the point for the next five laps. Scheel, however, reeled him back in, passing Johnson in a long rhythm section on lap six. Scheel's time out front was cut short when he took a soil sample. He did not get started again until the entire 14-rider field flew by him.

With Scheel out of the picture, Johnson moved into the lead with Lacey right on his tale. Lacey targeted in on the first-place spot and blasted past Johnson just as he suffered a crash of his own. Johnson's spill occurred just before the white flag came out, giving Lacey enough breathing room to complete the moto unchallenged. At the checkers, it was Lacey in front, followed by Jeff Hinzman, who had blitzed through the pack after a 10th-place start. Third-place finisher was Meyer, with Matt Williams, and Conkey rounding out the top five.

Moto two was all Lacey's. He led from the drop of the gate to the checkered flag. Johnson recovered from his moto-one get-off and nailed the runner-up position, with Williams grabbing third. Hinzman finished fourth in moto two, but his first-moto finish earned him the runner-up podium spot for the day just ahead of Williams.

Conkey rode consistently, placing fifth in both motos, earning fourth overall on the day. Jeremy Kinzer finished fifth overall via 7-6 moto finishes. Johnson held on and finished in sixth despite his first-moto mishap.

The 250cc Junior class was a Jessy Williams runaway. Joey Ebensteiner, however, pulled both holeshots on the night, making Williams earn the lead spot. Williams carved around Ebensteiner on lap two of the first moto and headed off untouched for the win.

In moto two, Ebensteiner held Williams at bay for two laps before Williams turned up the wick and motored to a perfect 1-1 tally. Ebensteiner took second both times out.

David Sibley took his Kawasaki to third in moto one, but not before he and Richard Tunnell exchanged the final podium position three times in six laps. The duo battled again in moto two, with Tunnell getting the nod.

Nathan Mathews edged out the advances by Derek Wakkure to net fifth overall.

The 125cc Junior class was divided into two divisions, and it was apparent that division one had the hottest rider. Ryan Metzler dominated division one, as the 16-year-old speedster finished half a lap ahead of his nearest rival in both outings.

Shawn Gilbert nailed the runner-up spot in the first moto. He finished ahead of Chad Huston, and Travis Rigert. Rounding out the field was Aaron Tunnell, Bryan Bundy, Curtis Smith and Scott Denham.

Tunnell turned it around for a runner-up finish in moto two. Denham netted a third ahead of Rigert, who rode consistently, taking a fourth and third overall. Huston crossed the line in fifth, followed by Bundy, Smith and Gilbert.

The second division of 125cc Juniors featured David Sibley, who led every lap of both motos but was challenged the whole way.

In moto one, Austin Gettel fended off Jason Lytle and Steve Miller for three laps. Before the moto was over, Gettel got slammed out of contention by an aggressive Miller, who went on to finish second. Lytle, meanwhile, finished third ahead of Gettel, Cameron Trask, Bob Kivisto, Jonah Miller, and Andy Kalz.

In moto two, it was again Sibley in the lead all the way to the finish. Miller, however, stayed close behind Sibley but could not make a pass. Lytle finished with another third as Kivisto bettered his first-moto placing by finishing fourth. Jonah Miller rounded out the top five. CN

Salem Fairgrounds
Salem, Oregon
Results: November 27, 1998

PRO CHALLENGE: 1. Jason McCormick (Hon); 2. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 3. Brad Hagseth (Hon); 4. Dustin Lenaburg (Kaw); 5. Jason Matthews (Yam); 6. Don Bisceglia (Hon); 7. Ryan Leach (Yam); 8. Dan Moore (Suz); 9. Adam West (Yam); 10. Ryan Hageman (Yam); 11. Russ Robbins (Yarn); 12. Paul Dixon (Kaw).

60 OPEN: 1. Justin Keeney (Kaw); 2. Shawn Haberlock (Kaw); 3. Ajay Olinger (Kaw); 4. Gared Steinke (Lem); 5. Nickolas McMillen (KTM).

S/MINI: 1. Justin Keeney (Kaw); 2. Cody Buyas (Kaw); 3. Pete Sannan (Kaw); 4. Jason Petersen (Yam); 5. Brock Chappelle (Yam).

80 BEG: 1. Brandon Irish (Hon); 2. Josh Webb (Kaw); 3. Ryan Huege (Hon); 4. Clay Camp (Kaw); 5. John Duran (Kaw)

125 BEG D-1: 1. Justin Jensen (Hon); 2. T.J. Jensen (Kaw); 3. Lucas Buyas (Yam); 4. Paul Starkey (Yam); 5. Tim Ricketts (Hon).

125 BEG D-2: 1. Daniel Asquith (Hon); 2. Jesse Crays (Suz); 3. Ron Hidson (Hon); 4. Ryan Grimes (Hon); 5. Tim Young (Suz).

125 JR D-1: 1. Ryan Metzler (Suz); 2. Aaron Tunnell (Yam); 3. Travis Rigert (Yam); 4. Chad Huston (Hon); 5. Scott Denham (Yam).

125 JR D-2: 1. David Sibley (Yam); 2. Steve Miller (Suz); 3. Jason Lytle (Hon); 4. Bob Kivisto (Hon); 5. Camron Trask (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Tyson Lacey (Suz); 2. Jeff Hinzman (Kaw); 3. Matt Williams (Yam); 4. Raym Conkey (Suz); 5. Jeremy Kinzer (Kaw).

125 PRO: 1. Brad Hagseth (Hon); 2. Dan Moore (Suz); 3. Dustin Lenaburg (Kaw); 4. Ryan Hagemann (Yam); 5. Adam West (Yam).

250 BEG D-1: 1. Ken Romero (Yam); 2. Bryan Shearer (Kaw); 3. Joe Wyatt (Hon); 4. JC Hanson (Yam); 5. Darren Michel (Kaw).

250 BEG D-2: 1. Jacques Varvel (Kaw); 2. Cory Johnson (Yam); 3. Doug Stewart (Kaw); 4. Jason Fessier (Hon); 5. Pat McGuire (Yam).

250 JR: 1. Jessy Williams (Yam); 2. Joey Ebenstiener (Suz); 3. David Sibley (Kaw); 4. Richard Tunnell (Yam); 5. Nathan Mathews (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Tracy Johnson (Yam); 2. Jon Kauffman (Suz); 3. Eric Rogers (KTM); 4. Jamie Large (Hon); 5. Eddie Beach (Suz).

250 PRO: 1. Jason McCormick (Hon); 2. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 3. Jason Mathews (Yam); 4. Don Bisceglia (Hon); 5. Ryan Leach (Yam).

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BTH EX: 1. Dustin Lenaburg (Kaw); 2. Jon Kauffman (Suz); 3. Tracy Johnson (Yam); 4. Matt Williams (Yam); 5. Tyson Lacey (Suz).

25+ INT: 1. Ed Smith (Suz); 2. David Fox (Suz); 3. Keith Dibrino (Hon); 4. Todd Downs (Yam); 5. Andy Anaya (Yam).

O/T AM: 1. Bill Graves (Yam); 2. James Wirkus (Ktm); 3. Deanna Holbrook (Suz).

WMN: 1. Jeanne Van Buskirk (Kaw); 2. Rochelle Neimann (Yam); 3. Randi Holbrook (Hon); 4. Deanna Holbrook (Suz); 5. Sandi Fisher (Hon).

VET BEG: 1. Bill Graves (Yam); 2. Ron Hendrickson (Hon); 3. Ron Wilson (Yam); 4. Stasi Vaillancourt (Hon); 5. Jason Ward (Yam).

VET JR: 1. Curtis Paulson (Kaw); 2. Allen Toetly (Kaw); 3. Chuck Hughes (Hon).

VET INT: 1. Keith Dibrino (Hon); 2. Linc Linebaugh (Yam); 3. Craig Bowman (Yam).

Katin cleans up

By Barbara Williams
Photos by Loren Williams.

ASHEVILLE, NC, NOV. 27-28

Mike Katin began his Thanksgiving racing weekend with a first-turn pileup, but he finished with two wins and a third-place finish to pocket over $1300 in the Victory Sports' Pro payoff. Also on the gas were Jim Neese, who scored a win in Saturday's 250cc A main event, and Robbie Horton, who took Friday's 125cc A race.

Blasting into the tight first turn of the Western North Carolina AG Center circuit in Friday night's 125cc A main, Katin found himself the victim of a pileup. While Horton, Charlie Dunaway, Neese, and Brad Strunk duked it out for the lead, Katin remounted and rode hard to make up time. The 12-lap sprint through the pack proved to be a challenge for Katin, who worked his way up to sixth place by moto's end. Katin's next moto was much more successful.

Dunaway grabbed the 250cc A holeshot and led for two laps before getting swarmed by Katin, Neese, Todd Bennick and Horton. Dunaway's runner-up finish in the 125cc A event was good practice, as he held onto third behind Katin and Neese.

Last year, Dunaway got knocked cold from a crash in the whoops. The following night he got back on his bike and won. This year, despite being intimidated by the same venue that left him unconscious, Dunaway produced consistent top-three finishes.

Saturday's 125cc A main event was all Katin from start to finish. Dunaway, who finished in second, shadowed him the whole way. Behind Dunaway battled Neese, Horton, Strunk, and up-and-comer Paul Justus.

Justus gated fourth behind Neese and held his ground well while under pressure from Horton and Strunk. Eventually Justus gave way to Horton and Strunk, but the youngster certainly made both veterans earn the pass.

"He's been a bundle of nerves for three weeks," grinned Justus' dad, Mike. "Ever since he made the decision to move up to the A class, he's been jumpy. This has been good for him, and he might start to settle into it now."

Dunaway again took the early lead on Saturday's 250cc A start, with Neese, Katin, and Horton on his rear fender. Late in the race, lapped riders made the difference, slowing Dunaway just enough to enable Neese to slip past and scamper off with the win. Katin threatened to dislodge Dunaway from second place, but this time, lappers worked to Dunaway's advantage, keeping Katin back in third. CN

Western North Carolina AG Center
Asheville, North Carolina
Results: November 27-28, 1998

Friday

50 (4-6): 1. Travor Brown (Cob); 2. Ryan Zimmer (Cob); 3. William Dickson (Cob); 4. Dustin Chandler (Cob); 5. David Mickey Guice (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Les Smith (Cob); 2. Garrett Church (Cob); 3. C.W. Brim (KTM); 4. Bradley Bunch (Cob); 5. Benjamin Denton (Act).

50 SHAFT: 1. Chelsea McSwain (Yam); 2. Trevor Barrett (Yam); 3. Blake Morrow (Yam); 4. Rachel Milburn (Yam); 5. Nathan Templeton (Yam).

65 (7-9): 1. Thomas Blackstock (Kaw); 2. Zackary Alvear (Kaw); 3. Garrett Church (Kaw); 4. Tyler Bright (KTM); 5. Matthew Mashburn (Kaw).

65 (10-11): 1. Phillip Ivers (Kaw); 2. Michael Brett Slater (KTM); 3. Jared Tuten (Kaw); 4. Justin Hopson (Kaw); 5. Jerry Mashburn (Kaw).

80 D BEG: 1. Ben Bass (Kaw); 2. Casey Rice (Yam); 3. Casey Shaw (Hon); 4. Lori Zimmerman (Suz); 5. Jeffrey Coates (Yam).

JR MINI: 1. Michael Brett Slater (Kaw); 2. Phillip Ivers (Suz); 3. Jerry Mashburn (Kaw); 4. Matthew Mashburn (Kaw); 5. Anthony Ardizzone (Suz).

85 (12-13): 1. Ty Conway (Yam); 2. Douglas Thomason (Kaw); 3. Brandon Ellenburg (Kaw); 4. Curtis Dyer (Suz); 5. Tommy Lee (Kaw).

85 (14-15): 1. Jerred Burrell (Suz); 2. Justin Jones (Yam); 3. Freddy Rowe III (Hon); 4. Malcolm Klepp (Hon); 5. Ryan Pawley (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. Douglas Thomason (Kaw); 2. Jerred Burrell (Suz); 3. Ty Conway (Yam); 4. Justin Jones (Yam); 5. Curtis Dyer (Suz).

125 A: 1. Robbie Horton (Yam); 2. Charles Dunaway (Yam); 3. Jim Neese (Yam); 4. C. Bradley Strunk (Suz); 5. Tommy Collier (Suz).

125 B: 1. Danny Smith (Suz); 2. Casey Barnes (Suz); 3. Timmy Morrison (Kaw); 4. Kyle Justice (Suz); 5. Aaron Ellenburg (Yam).

125 C: 1. Dwane Mitchell (Yam); 2. Jason Tucker (Suz); 3. Michael Suttles (Suz); 4. T.J. Fairbanks (Suz); 5. Randy Riehl (Hon).

125 D: 1. Preston Hunter (Hon); 2. Daniel Goulds (Hon); 3. Josh Johnston (Kaw); 4. Robert Ardry (Suz); 5. T.J. Ford (Yam).

250 A: 1. Mike Katin (Suz); 2. Jim Neese (Yam); 3. Charles Dunaway (Yam); 4. Todd Bennick (Suz); 5. Robbie Horton (Yam).

250 B: 1. Joshe Clark (Hon); 2. Chris Riggins (Kaw); 3. Casey Barnes (Suz); 4. Aaron Ellenburg (Yam); 5. Keith Graham (Suz).

250 C: 1. John Guker (KTM); 2. Ted Osborne Jr. (KTM); 3. Bryan Davis II (Suz); 4. William Lackey (Hon); 5. Lester Partlow (ATK).

250 D: 1. Chris Pena (Suz); 2. Ricky Alley (Kaw); 3. Jamie Sims (Suz); 4. Jason Ward (KTM); 5. Shawn Singleton (Hon).

25+: 1. Shane Templeton (Suz); 2. Benjamin Rutledge (Suz); 3. W. David Eller (Kaw); 4. Robert Green (Kaw); 5. Michael Haga (Suz).

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125 C: 1. Dwane Mitchell (Yam); 2. Jarrod Davis (Hon); 3. Michael Johnson (Hon); 4. Justin Lowery (Hon); 5. Randy Riehl (Hon).

125 D D-1: 1. Robert Ardry (Suz); 2. Keith Parker (Suz); 3. Dustin Messer (Suz); 4. Daniel Goulds (Hon); 5. Rusty Barnette (Yam).

125 D D-2: 1. Preston Hunter (Hon); 2. Michael Branham (Hon); 3. Noah Spencer (Suz); 4. Phillip Lallenent (Yam); 5. Steven White (Yam).

250 A: 1. Jim Neese (Yam); 2. Charles Dunaway (Yam); 3. Mike Katin (Suz); 4. Robbie Horton (Yam); 5. Chad Sanner (Yam).

250 B: 1. Joshe Clark (Hon); 2. Shane Hager (Kaw); 3. Casey Barnes (Suz); 4. Aaron Ellenburg (Yam); 5. Jason Crawford (Suz).

250 C: 1. William Lackey (Hon); 2. Travis Collins (Yam); 3. John Guker (KTM); 4. Danny Reilly (Kaw); 5. Kyle Henson (Suz).

250 D: 1. Shawn Singleton (Hon); 2. Ricky Alley (Kaw); 3. Ray Taylor (Suz); 4. Josh Mullinax (Hon); 5. Jamie Sims (Suz).

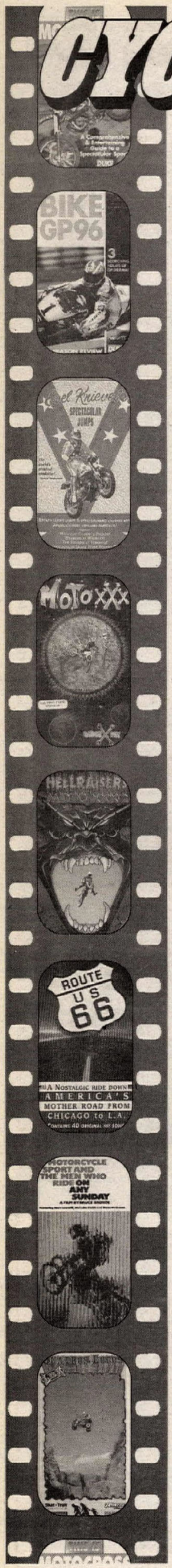
25+: 1. Shane Templeton (Suz); 2. David Shugart (Yam); 3. W. David Eller (Kaw); 4. Michael Haga (Suz); 5. William Jeff Harbert (Yam).

30+: 1. Scott Campbell (Kaw); 2. Daniel Travis Bell (Suz); 3. W. David Eller (Kaw); 4. David Shugart (Yam); 5. Jeff Elkins (Kaw).

U/L AM: 1. Joshe Clark (Hon); 2. Danny Smith (Suz); 3. Tim Gunter (Kaw); 4. Jeremiah Kirkland (Yam); 5. Kyle Justice (Suz).

U/L C/D: 1. Jarrod Davis (Hon); 2. Terrell Collins (Suz); 3. John Guker (KTM); 4. Jason Tucker (Suz); 5. T.J. Fairbanks (Suz).

(Above) Mike Katin (63) came out on top of the Pro-Am classes for the weekend in Asheville, North Carolina's opening rounds of the Victory Motorsports Indoor Motocross Winter Series. Katin chalked up two wins, a third and a come-from-behind sixth. Charlie Dunaway (99) was the most consistent, scoring three seconds and a third.
(Right) On Friday night, little Chelsea McSwain crashed in the 50cc Shaft-driven class, but she got up and worked her way through the pack to take the checkered flag.



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MOTOCROSS

(#7) The Evolution of Motocross
Gary Semics has put together the story of motocross' early days, highlighting 52 years of European and American racing. From the days when British dinosaurs ruled the roost to Jeremy McGrath on his CR250, you'll see it all in this 95 minute video from Gary Semics Video. **$42.95**

(#12) Dirt Devils
Roger DeCoster dissects some of the greatest MX battles: Axton '90 w/Cooper vs. Kiedrowski; Budd's Creek '90 w/Stanton vs. Ward; Mt. Morris '91 w/Stanton vs Bradshaw; Millville '91 w/Bradshaw vs. Bayle; Washougal '92 w/Swink vs. Emig. Additional "Hot Shots" focus on techniques for starts, passing and some spectacular crashes. Narration by Larry Maiers; 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$33.95**

(#162B) '91 AMA Nat'l MX Season Review
Follow the 13 stops on the 1991 AMA National MX Series as Mike Kiedrowski duels with Guy Cooper for the #1 plate title honors; 250cc and 500cc action follow the dominance of J.M. Bayle over Stanton, Ward, and Bradshaw. Approx. 2 hours (2-tape package) from Powersports Video. **$42.95**

(#162C) '92 AMA Nat'l MX Season Review
The definitive video review of the 1992 AMA National 125, 250 & 500 Motocross Series. Narrated by Larry Maiers; 90 minutes from Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#2277) This Is Motocross
New to Motocross? Here's everything you need to set you up for this popular sport, from starting out to choosing bikes & equipment, what kind of clubs to join, top action & rider interviews, past heroes and modern supercross. 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

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Seeing this series unfold is riveting...watch in awe as the big guns - Smets, King, and Nicoli - charge across your screen through every world round. 90 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

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Everts, Tortelli & Bervoets lead the way through a nail-biting series that will keep you hooked from start to finish.- Includes excellent commentary. 90 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#2104) 1997 World 125cc MX Series Review
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(#2110) 1997 Motocross des Nations
The world's biggest motocross talents gathered in Belgium to fight for the ultimate crown. Witness what really happened the year America lost MXdN honors. 90 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

SUPERCROSS

(#325H) Bar to Bar
Jeff Emig swipes the #1 plate away from Jeremy McGrath. See the best talent on the planet go bar to bar in this review of the entire 1997 AMA Supercross Series. Great behind-the-scenes footage and intense racing, one of the best Supercross Series ever! 70 minutes from X-Factor. **$19.95**

(#325I) Bar to Bar 2
The Quest for Victory...is in your face racing, featuring the best riders on the planet. Relive the whole 1998 Supercross season with your favorite riders like Jeremy McGrath, Ezra Lusk, Kevin Windham, Jeff Emig, Larry Ward, John Dowd, Ricky Carmichael, Doug Henry and many others. 60 minutes from X-Factor. **$19.95**

TOURING/ROAD RIDING/CRUISING

(#106A) 50 Years of Daytona
400,000 enthusiasts descended on Daytona for the 1991 50th anniversary of Bike Week. See the "Main Street" & Harley scene from the biggest year ever. 60 minutes produced by Panacom from Progressive Design. **$22.95**

(#213) The Roads of Colorado
Actual footage of selected roads and points of interest throughout Colorado. This video makes an ideal tool for anyone planning a motorcycle trip through the Rockies. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#230) Ride America: Highway 1
California's legendary Highway 1 is still one of the great challenges for the street riding motorcyclist. This ride takes you from the Golden Gate Bridge through some of the most undeveloped and least populated areas in California. Ride with journalist Charles Everitt, World Speedway Champion Bruce Penhall and others from San Francisco on north through the twisties along Highway 1. 60 minutes from Peter Starr Productions. **$24.95**

(#231) Ride America: "The Million Dollar Highway"
Experience the wonder and beauty of Colorado's Million Dollar Highway in the colorfest season -golden aspen trees, blue skies and clean crisp air greet you as you head north on the 130 mile ride from Durango to Telluride. Join Bobby Unser, Bruce Penhall, Malcom Smith, Wally Dallenbach and friends as they ride a variety of BMW's through the heart of the San Juan Mountains. 60 minutes from Peter Starr Productions. **$24.95**

(#1293) Postcard from Daytona
Join the millions who make this the world's biggest & most colorful Hog party. Cruise Main Street and Daytona Beach & check out demolition derbies, stunt demos, and sunburned tourists...everything that happened away from the racetracks during Bike Week '96. 61 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

ROAD RACING

(#9) U.S. Grand Prix 1988
Real Grand Prix road racing for the World Championship revives in America as Steady Eddie Lawson and Fast Jimmy Filice beat the best at Laguna Seca. From Powersports Video. **$33.95**

(#1492) 1992 Bike GP 500 Series Review
180 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$39.95**

(#1519) 1993 Bike GP 500 Series Review
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(#1541) 1994 Bike GP 500 Series Review
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(#1559) 1994 Bike GP 125/250 Series Review
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(#1561) 1995 Bike GP 500 Series Review
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(#1579) 1995 Bike GP 125/250 Series Review
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(#1705) 1996 Bike GP 500 Series Review
180 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$39.95**

(#1580) 1996 Bike GP 125/250 Series Review
120 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1721) 1997 Bike GP 500 Series Review
The complete official record of Mick Doohan's stunning season & the battles going on around him through all 15 World C'Ship rounds. 3 hours of action, on-bike camera, interviews and informed commentary. 180 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$39.95**

(#1581) 1997 Bike GP 125/250 Series Review
This 2 hour official review provides some of the seasons hairiest racing, packing all the 250 rounds and the best of the 125s into some scorching viewing. Includes great on-bike camera. 120 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#41) Bike Experience
Race with Wayne Gardner as you crouch over the handlebars of a 200 mph Grand Prix Honda in actual race conditions! 60 minutes. From Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#1490) On-Bike GP Experience
Race with the best riders of the '92 GP season as the pack give chase just inches away from the camera! Superb sounds of GP bikes in action in full stereo, with rider voice-overs. 65 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1576) On-Bike GP Experience 2
All-action compilation of the best 1990's on-bike recordings right up to the last GP of '96. Jump into the hot seat with Doohan, Criville, Cadalora, Kocinski, Rainey, Schwantz, etc. as Randy Mamola's commentary guides you around all the famous circuits. 75 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1537) On-Bike Nurburgring Experience
A rare chance to "ride" this demanding German circuit & learn how the experts do it, then ride with Helmut Dahne on the fastest on-bike lap of the "Ring" ever recorded. 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1480) Best Bike GPs of the Decade
Re-live not just the best action from the '80s, but also the 10 very best races as chosen & presented by the stars themselves: Rainey, Schwantz, Mang, Haslam, Gardner, Pons, Mamola, Lawson, Roberts and Sarron. 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1494) Rainey's Year: 1992
Fascinating insights into the workings of a top GP team as the triple World Champ's greatest season unfolds under the guidance of Kenny Roberts. Follow them from testing to the final victorious race. 75 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1521) Schwantz: World Champion 1993
He may be gone from the scene - but there's no way you can forget him! Here's King Kevin on his way to winning his first World Championship, with music from Queen, brilliant race action and intimate off-track footage. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1916) 1997 AMA Superbike Series Review
Get your engines fired up as you relive this season of spectacular action. From Laguna Seca to Colorado springs to the amazing round at Sears Point. See incredible footage of from each round as Mat Mladin, Miguel Duhamel and Doug Chandler battle for supremacy. All the action is here in this comprehensive 1997 review. 48 minutes from WhiteStar/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5903) Champion: Kenny Roberts
A profile of the racing career of the legendary Kenny Roberts. 69 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5904) Champion: Barry Sheene
A profile of the racing career of British GP star Barry Sheene. 65 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5932) Champion: Mick Doohan
A profile of the racing career of Australian GP star Mick Doohan. 65 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5901) Champion: Geoff Duke
A profile of the racing career of the legendary Geoff Duke. 59 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5902) Champion: Giacamo Agostini
A profile of the racing career of legendary Italian GP champ Giacamo Agostini. 75 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5900) Champion: Mike Hailwood
A profile of the racing career of legendary British champion Mike "The Bike" Hailwood. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5956) Champion: Phil Read
A profile of the racing career of legendary Phil Read. 70 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1540) Cutting Edge Bikes
Former racer Mat Oxley tests the championship GP machines of '94 including Mick Doohan's 500cc Honda, Biaggi's 250cc Aprilia, and Sakata's 125cc factory Aprilia. 72 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

"ISLE of MAN TT"

(#1070) History of the Isle of Man TT
A unique and definitive 3-part video history of the world's most famous motorcycle races, specially commissioned from David Wood, whose archive material is simply unsurpassed. Every Senior race winner is featured and there is action footage from the very first races and every event from 1920 to 1996. A 3-tape collection every TT fan will cherish for years to come. (Part 1: The Early Years 1907-39; Part 2: The Championship Years 1947-76; Part 3: From Strength to Strength 1977-96). 216 minutes total, from White Star/Duke Video. **$69.95**

(#1002) TT Tribute
Rare footage and a must for Mike Hailwood fans. "Diamond Senior '67" was one of the most thrilling TT races ever, with Hailwood on the ill-handling Honda 4 vs the Agostini. "Winning Formula '79" covers Hailwood's 14th TT win. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1055) Golden Mountain
Two memorable Hailwood years on one video. 1961 was a wonderful record of his stunning TT Jubilee Year debut. the 1963 Senior TT cast Hailwood vs. Hartle & Read in the last glory days of Norton, Matchless, AJS...52 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(1296) Mad Sunday: The Fans' TT
The other side of this magic motorcycle festival, from pubs to bands, street parties, sand racing, club meets, and lots more. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5554) On-Bike TT Experience
"Addictive", "exhilarating", "breathtaking" - just some of the reactions we've had to this unique series which lets you "ride" the fearsome IoM TT circuit on a variety of '90s machinery. Features solo & sidecar footage, stereo bike sounds and rider commentaries. 85 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5559) On-Bike TT Experience 2
Live the TT in over an hour of superb on-bike and sidecar action. 80 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5563) On-Bike TT Experience 3
The way it really looks from the rider's eye view around the eye of man...bloody frightening! Features for the first time, on-screen data logging. Scary and totally compulsive - see for yourself why the TT is a road race like no other. 89 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1285) 1992 Isle of Man TT
A TT that British bike fans will long savor thanks to Hizzy's Senior victory on the Abus Norton and Carl Fogarty's outright record of 123.61 MPH on the last riveting, nail-biting lap. 105 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1288) 1993 Isle of Man TT
Watch Hailwood's TT record fly out the window as Joey Dunlop scores his 15th win. 105 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1295) 1994 Isle of Man TT
"The 11th Milestone"...best action from every race & on-bike footage in nearly every class (including the fastest-ever with Steve Hislop). 120 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$42.95**

(#1300) 1995 Isle of Man TT
"Smokin' Joey"...full scorching story of Joey Dunlop's claim to "most successful TT rider ever". 146 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$42.95**

(#1601) 1996 Isle of Man TT
"Natural Born Winners"...the longest-ever TT long review, bursting with great action, on-board cameras, chat and TT "color" in one big program. 151 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$42.95**

(#1604) 1997 Isle of Man TT
"Blazing Saddles"...Over 2 hours of scorching 90th anniversary race action filmed trackside, on-bike and from the air, backed by a thundering soundtrack. 140 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$42.95**

(#1606) 1998 Isle of Man TT
"Brave Hearts"... Over 2 hours of courage and bravery. This full coverage video takes you down to road level with awesome curb-cam shots to give you a frightening picture of machines coming at you at 180 mph. Of course it also comes with all the crazies at the street party. 140 minutes from WhiteStar/Duke Video. **$42.95**

TRIALS

(#207B) 1997 Trial Des Nations
This World Championship from Isle of Man, U.K. pits 4-man teams from over 20 countries against each other. World Champion Dougie Lampkin vs. 7 time World Champion Jordi Tarres in his last international competition. 4 hours from Technovideo. **$39.95**

(#208A) 1996 Wagner Cup World C'Ship Trial
The best in the world came to the Stepping Stone Ranch in West Greenwich, Rhode Island for round #4 of the 1996 World Championship Series. See the American force put on their best effort vs. the world talent of Jordi Tarres, Marc Colomer, Dougie Lampkin and the rest in this double-tape package. 4 hours from Technovideo. **$39.95**

(#2043) This Is Motorcycle Trials
Packed with advice for beginners from maestros Sammy Miller and Steve Colley, also full of history and interesting info for developing riders. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#2056) This Is Advanced Motorcycle Trials
World Championship Techniques are demonstrated and explained by 1997 Trials des Nations winner Steve Colley, including 180-degree turns, back-wheel balancing and other advanced moves. 62 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#2047) Extreme Trials with Steve Colley
This brilliant tape offers one-to-one tuition from one of the world's leading trials exponents on mastering the most difficult maneuvers imaginable. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#2057) Trials Superstars
The world's best in action at the 1996 Sheffield Indoor Arena Trial. 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#2061) 1997 Sheffield Arena Trial
Great close-up camera work shows international stars Colomer, Lampkin, Colley, etc. performing exceptional trials maneuvers over man-made obstacles, while trick-cyclist Ot Pi dazzles the crowd with his own brand of magic. 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#208B) 1997 Wagner Cup World C'Ship Trial
All the top riders at the top of the High Sierras compete at Norm Taylor's Donner Ski Ranch. Spectacular rock formations challenge Marc Colomer trying to keep his title crown; Dougie Lampkin ascends to the top; Japanese teenagers Kuroyama & Fujinami put pressure to the stars, Tarres in his swan song season, and Cobos jumps to the podium. 4 hours from Technovideo. **$39.95**

SPEEDWAY

(#45G) 1997 U.S. Speedway National C'Ship
In a one-night, winner-take-all format, for the 28th consecutive year, the top 16 speedway racers from the United States meet at Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, California. Bruce Flanders, Terry Clanton, Margo King, and Scott Daloisio call the action. Features the #1 and #2 riders in the world, and the best in the US! 60 minutes from RAZ Video. **$29.95**

(#5950) Champion: Barry Briggs
A career profile of legendary British world champion speedway racer Barry Briggs. 75 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

DIRT TRACK

(#180) '98 Dirt Track Hall of Fame
The richest single race in dirt track history was run on Saturday, September 5, 1998, on the oval at the Illinois State Fairgrounds at Springfield. Fifteen of the world's best flat track racers including superstars Scott Parker, Jay Springsteen and Chris Carr, dueled ten laps for $50,000 in the inaugural Dirt Track Hall of Fame Race. An unprecedented celebration of speed the likes of which we may never see again. Experience it on the Beer Nuts Hall of Fame Video. 43 minutes from Chet Burks Productions. **$19.95**

(#182) Smooth Moves
A review of the 1990 Camel Pro Series Championship, as Scott Parker and Chris Carr dueled all year for the title. 60 minutes from Missing Lenk Video. **$34.95**

(#183) Ricky Graham: The Career Year
"Ricky G" is a tribute to one of the greatest Grand National motorcycle racing seasons ever and the man who rewrote dirt track racing records. In 1993, Ricky Graham showed the world that he was indeed one of the best Grand National racers of all time. 38 minutes from Chet Burks Productions. **$19.95**

VINTAGE

(#118) Enduring Memories
Original narrated footage of classic enduro competitions, including the 1962 & 1964 Jack Pine Enduro, and the 1959 Greenhorn Enduro. This video illustrates how the bikes changed the sport in just five years. 45 minutes from Missing Lenk Video. **$34.95**

(#1007) Against the Odds: Jarno Saarinen
The only film made in the '70s which chronicled the short, dazzling career of one of the most talented motorcycle racers of all time. 75 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1027) Multi-Cylinder Magic
MV Agustas, Benellis & the Honda-6, back on the tracks of Europe in '95 with the men who made them famous. A real treat for the eyes and ears! 70 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1602) TT Classic Magic
A nostalgic celebration of classic TT sights and sounds. Includes highlights of Moto Guzzi's 75th anniversary gathering, the '96 Classic Parade, VMCC rallies, club meets and unique on-classic-bike camera footage. 85 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1258) Classic Superprix '89
Join Surtees, Taveri, Minter & Marshall at the largest gathering of ex-works GP bikes since the '50s - MV's, Gilera, the supercharged '39 AJS V-4 & Porcupine and the only running Honda-6 & Norton Cosworth! 52 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1292) Daytona Classics '96: Return of the Legends
Soak up the unique flavor of the big AHRMA Monday at Daytona International Speedway with Duke and Gilera, BMW's Battle of the Legends, Stroud on the Britten, on-bike Harley footage and more. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#8) Castrol History of Motorcycle Racing
Three-volume series from the David Wood archives of world-class motorcycle road racing. Volume 1: How It All Began & the TT (62 minutes); Volume 2: Birth of the GP & the Japanese Arrival (73 minutes); Volume 3: The Other Champions & Pressure, Money and the Need to Win (65 minutes). From White Star/Duke Video. **$99.95**

(#1069) Classic Racer Experience
Here's your chance to join Dave Roper around the Isle of Man TT circuit on a Matchless G50 with all the classic sounds and sights on the big single. 30 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$29.95**

(#1034) V-Four Victory
A seriously addictive all-time best-seller with action from the '83 Ulster GP and Honda vs. Suzuki "megabike" challenge, plus a classic mind-blowing lap of the TT course with Joey Dunlop. 50 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$29.95**

(#1090) Old Indians Never Die
A rare treat for Indian fans, tracing the story of a devoted group of Indian riders and their bikes on an epic rally from the US to Scotland. Also packed with wonderful bike talk and nostalgic archive footage. 38 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#144) Vintage Cycle Journal
The first in a series from the Machines of Iron collection, this video takes you to The Shop's annual vintage motorcycle rally in Ventura, California for a close-up look at these machines and the men who collect them. 37 minutes from Spinnaker Presentations. **$24.95**

ENDURO & DUAL SPORT

(#77) 1989 International 6-Day Enduro
The 64th Annual ISDE from Walidurn, West Germany. 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#95) Paris To Dakar 1989
For 21 days, 241 bikes, cars and trucks raced and struggled to complete the formidable transcontinental "raid". See all the highlights from the ground and the helicopter cameras in this toughest race of all. 60 minutes. From Powersports Video. **$34.95**

(#190) 1993 LA to Barstow to Vegas
Join over 400 riders in the biggest dual sport classic of the year. Enjoy this legendary trail ride on Thanksgiving weekend 1993 as they ride from Los Angeles (Colton), California on Saturday, and continue from Barstow to Las Vegas on Sunday. If you rode this event, you're probably on this video! 110 minutes from NPG & Company. **$34.95**

(#210A) 1994 Colorado 500
Join celebrities such as Malcom Smith & Wally Dallenbach for this famous 1000-mile trail ride through Colorado's small towns and Rocky Mountains in late summer '94. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#210B) 1995 Colorado 500
A review of some of the highlights of the first 20 years of the Colorado 500, along with a look at the 1995 ride, covering 800 miles of beautiful Rocky Mountain trail riding scenery. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#211) 1994 Cycle News Loretta Lynn DS Ride
Get in on the springtime fun at this round of the '94 AMA National Trail Ride Series at the scenic Loretta Lynn's Dude Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. 60 minutes from Kern Video Productions. **$29.95**

(#212) The Trails of Colorado MC Trail Guide
Highlights of 18 different trail systems throughout Colorado. Excellent primer for trail riding and dual sporting in the Colorado Rockies. 90 minutes from L&M Productions. **$29.95**

(#1020) Ride Like the Wind
An escape video for the armchair dreamer...Join a free-wheeling band of Yamaha adventurers for fantastic off-road journeys across Egypt, Australia, Utah's Monument Valley, and Paris to Capetown. 90 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#1798) Incas Rally
Riders from 13 countries face challenging tests in the jungles and mountains of Peru. From Amazon mud to white water rafting with the bikes on board! 50 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

VIDEO MAGAZINES

(#1763) Route 66
This nostalgic program takes a trip along America's beloved highway, from Chicago to Los Angeles, exposing the now "hidden" America that modern freeway riders never see. Discover why there is such great interest in restoring this piece of Americana. 105 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#1564) Fast Riding the Roberts Way
A unique insight into the Kenny Roberts Training Camp in Barcelona, Spain where he and Randy Mamola discuss the benefits of passing their experience on to the school's participants. 65 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

FREE RIDING & CRASHES

(#10) Crusty Demons of Dirt
The original out-of-control freestyle video! Jam-packed with free riding, jumping, and aerial insanity all set to a hard rocking soundtrack. Includes one of the most talked-about video scenes ever: Seth Enslow's huge dune crash. Includes action with Jeff Emig, Jeremy McGrath, Ryan Hughes, Mike Metzger, Phil Lawrence, Larry Roeseler and more. (This is the "edited" version)...30 minutes. A Flesh Wound Film distributed by Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#10A) Crusty Demons of Dirt: 2
This sequel is loaded with hardcore riding, jumping, and aerial insanity, all set to a skate/rock soundtrack. Watch these riders go off!....Jeremy McGrath, Jeff Emig, Seth Enslow, Mike Metzger, Ryan Hughes, Joel Albrecht, Mike Healey and more. Locations include California, Oregon, South Africa, Nambia and Mexico. 40 minutes. A Flesh Wound Film distributed by Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#10B) Crusty Demons of Dirt: 3
Fleshwound Films releases the '97 edition of the title that launched a thousand freestyle videos. Includes footage of Pestrana, Dymond, Seth Enslow, Hughes, Lawrence, Metzger, Stephenson, Goodman, Linkogle, Deegan, Rusty Setzer and Bubba, all with insane great stunts. Filmed around the world including Brazil, Florida and California. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#179A) Bike Wars
The most memorable moments of mayhem including Harleys, Superbikes, Dirt Track, Isle of Man, Hillclimb, Blackwater, Pro MX and more. 60 minutes from Powersports Video. **$29.95**

(#85) Gary Rothwell: Showtime
Gary Rothwell brings you the ultimate superbike stunt experience on this "official" video. Packed with high-speed wheelies, donuts, stoppies and includes Rothwell's 143MPH 'Ski' Record run skidding behind the bike on his feet. If you've ever seen Rothwell perform, this is a "must-have" tape. 30 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#120) Terrafirma
The original big air freestyle Fox video featuring wild antics by Doug Henry, Ezra Lusk, Robbie Reynard, Ricky Carmichael, Travis Pastrana, James Stewart, and the King of Rock n' Roll. Soundtrack by Pennywise, Alice in Chains, Lucy's Fur Coat, Future Sounds of London and Soundbox. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$24.95**

(#87) Team X-Treem: Vol. 1 Todd & Lori Colbert
Exclusive footage featuring Todd Colbert's daring wheelies, burn-outs, pavement skiing, double stunts and more! Watch Lori Colbert, the first female pavement skier in the world. Hold on to your handlebars for this unbelievable, high energy motorcycle stunt performance. 30 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#110) Dirty Deedz
A freestyle motocross video from down under. Featuring some of Australia's top motocrossers like Ben Jones, Danny Ham, Sam Jones, Paul Timmins, Clint Debner and others. Some of the locations include Orange, Clarence, Baridine, Colo, Stockton, and Cattai. Also some crazy music by Pro-Pain, Channel Zero, Souls at Zero and Method of Destruction. 41 minutes from Impact Video. **$29.95**

(#120A) Terrafirma2
Incredible footage of Jeremy McGrath, Doug Henry, Steve Lamson, Robbie Reynard, Mike Metzger, John Dowd, Ezra Lusk, Ricky Carmichael, Pedro Gonzalez, and the late Donny Schmit. Soundtrack by Mad Season, Face to Face, Corrosion, Pennywise, and Sprung Monkey. 45 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#120B) Terrafirma 3
Terrafirma is everything you'd expect in this series and MORE! More locations, riders and insanity! Filmed in France, Australia, Oregon, Utah, Maryland, Michigan, Tennessee, you'll see all the big names in motocross: Jeremy McGrath, Lamson, Metzger, Danny Ham, Dowd, Lee Hogan, Windham, Henry, Bradshaw, Ricky Carmichael. Over 30 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#120C) Terrafirma 4
Produced by renowned snowboard filmmaker Mike Hatchet, filmed at secret locations in Chile and Canada. Other sites include Montana, Washington, Las Vegas, Southern California, Florida and the Bay Area. Riders include: McGrath, Metzger, Lusk, Windham, Torronteras, Carey Hart, Guy Perrette, Ian Pauluk, Brian McGavrin, and Andy Bowyer. Music by Testament, MD. 45, and Primus. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#121) FLY
Check out this spring' 96 release from Fox...featuring Fox stars Jeremy McGrath, Damon Bradshaw, Mike Metzger, Doug Henry, John Dowd, Kevin Windham, and Serge Guidetty, pulling off incredible aerial maneuvers at places like the Paris and Anaheim Supercrosses, Glamis Dunes, Secret Honda Test Tracks, White Sands, Ocotillo Wells and Gatorback. Music by Single Gun Theory, Eric B. & Rakim, Sprung Monkey, SNFU, NoFX, and Shelter. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#122) Air Raid
The first and foremost ragin' hardcore footage in motocross, snowboard, wakeboard, BMX and surfing ever compiled in one video. Air Raid is a jam-packed assault of free riding, tube rides, jumping, crashing, and dogfights, with an awesome soundtrack. 35 minutes from Fox Video. **$29.95**

(#123) Jeremy McGrath / Steel Roots
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(#130) Performance Bikes: Video Nasty
Britain's biggest motorcycle magazine goes to video with a variety of sick, stupid, funny and dangerous ways of testing the fastest sportbikes on the continent. Features include viewer's crash videos, stuntmasters Gary Rothwell performing on his superbike, trials ace Jason Finn, group tests of 900 and 600 superbikes, the '96 Frenzy event, and more extreme superbike wheelies and stoppies than should be allowed on any pavement tape. 55 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#130A) Performance Bikes: Video Nasty 2
The Performance Bikes guys do it again with 170 mph insane road action. Also an on-bike camera while a guy is doing 140 mph on a Paris freeway during rush hour traffic. Lots of the readers home videos including a police chase, tire shredding burn-outs and some goons doing wheelies on pizza delivery mopeds. Contains explicit language and content not appropriate for minors. 55 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#130B) Performance Bikes: Video Nasty 3
"Lost in France" is the story of four bikes and four riders on a mad tear-up across France aboard the fastest bikes of '98, put to the test the way only Performance Bikes can. Insane road speeds and flat-out around a race track, also more of their reader's certifiable home videos. Contains explicit language and content not appropriate for minors. 57 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#131) Disturbing the Peace
SMP presents a film by Pat Solomon which includes Seth Enslow, Jeff Emig, Brian Manley, Mike Jones, Larry Linkogle, Tim Ferry, Anthony Pocorobba and more, with a bizarre claymation series of scenes throughout. Soundtrack includes Suicidal Tendencies, Bad Religion, NOFX, Sublime and more. 35 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#132) Moto-XXX
The debut video from Quick Fix Films featuring Mike Metzger, Kyle Lewis, Tommy Clowers, Brian Deegan, Jeff Emig and a whole cast of sick monkeys. Music by Lagwagon, Snuff, Good Riddance, NOFX, Strungout and more. Contains some explicit language and situations. 30 minutes by Quick Fix Films from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#132A) Moto-XXX 2: Hellraisers
Quick Fix Films presents the sequel to the original Moto-xXx...living up to its image, this one's even more crazy than the first. Riders include Swink, Huffman, Taylor, Pichon, Willoh, Linkogle, Roncada, Pingree, Ramsey, and more. 32 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#133) Horizontal
The first all-Aussie freestyle video features top Oz riders blasting dirt and sand dunes & getting massive air; also includes some watercraft and karting footage. Soundtrack includes tope Aussie bands. 32 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#133A) Horizontal 2
The upside-down, sideways and hangin' out MX freestyle sequel from Down Under. Check out the Aussie Thumper Nat'ls., Jet Ski action, Shane Watts, Manjimup, Oz Supercross and more. Filmed in Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia regions. 40 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#134) Organ Donors
Variety mixed with insanity is the theme of this video...Freestyle motocross, big wave watercraft action, snowmobiles blasting giant snow "dunes" in Alaska, big air on quads, trials tricks, and more. 40 minutes by Pat Solomon for Fusion Films, from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#135) 2 Stroke Cold Smoke
These snowmobile guys have some screws loose. Nuts include Marc Canet, Jay Liska, Blair Morgan, Tracy Poole and lots of others. Also some very scenic locations in Alaska, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. These guys actually pull off heel clickers and nac nacs while jumping their snowmobiles off 70 foot drop-offs. 54 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#136) Quatros Locos
Remember what the original Crusty video did for free riding? This is the video that will do the same for quads. Until you see it, you have no idea what these guys can do. Filmed throughout the USA and in England and Thailand, you'll never dis these guys again. 30 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#142) Full Power Trip
THOR Racing's benchmark 1997 video by Fusion Films, featuring Ryan Hughes, Larry Roeseler, Jeff Emig, Taylor, Antunez, Lewis, Willoh, Amaradio, Torronteras and more, filmed in Japan, Hawaii, Mexico, and downtown LA. 30 minutes from X-Factor Video. **$24.95**

(#147B) Mud, Sweat & Gears
Wall to wall action with flying mud, endos, loop-outs, and crashes. Footage from Ohio's Treaty City Peace Pipe Enduro shows it's a worthy successor to the gone-but-not-forgotten Blackwater 100. 60 minutes from Motovideo. **$24.95**

(#150) Vidiots Anonymous
Brian Manley, Jeff Willoh, Doug Parsons, Jeff Emig, Mike Cinqmars, Micky Dymond, and Ricky Carmichael, Super Joe Reed, Johnny Airtime, and more whip some seriously sick air in this vidiotic music video. Parental Advisory (Explicit Lyrics). 30 minutes from Thrust Productions. **$29.95**

(#154) Mini Warriors
This video features some of the nation's top mini-cycle champions ranging from 4 to15 years old. These kids show the world why they are the future crop of motocross stars. Also features former mini-cycle champion Jeff Emig. Other mini warriors include Jeff and Mike Alessi, Shane Bess, Ryan Morais and Jonathan Shimp. 60 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

(#1793) Evel Knievel's Spectacular Jumps
From the legendary Caesar's Palace crash to him impossible attempt at Snake River Canyon, Evel Knievel earned his reputation as the world's bravest daredevil. Relive his greatest triumphs and his bone-breaking defeats with this spectacular collection of breathtaking motorcycle jumps. 30 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$19.95**

(#1792) Evel Knievel: Last of the Gladiators
The incredible story of the world's greatest daredevil as told by Evel Knievel himself! Reveals the true saga of a 20th century gladiator. 100 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5268) Best of Havoc
A great gift for any powersports fan. The craziest '80s crashes from Formula Ford, truck racing, motocross, road racing, Paris-Dakar, etc. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5271) Best of Havoc 2
Over 200 contenders from nearly every 90's motorsport compete for "most spectacular wipeout". 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5260) Bike Havoc
Haslam, Schwantz, Lawson, Thorpe, Pons, Sarron, Gardner, etc. bomb out in spectacular style in over 150 incidents from road race GP's, IoM TT, MX, Drag Racing, Beach Races, Trials and Paris-Dakar. 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5274) Havoc 14
Over 200 of the most recent crashes and wipeouts from the accident-packed world of top class '90s motorsports & dirtbike sports, plus gems from the archives and thumping on-board accident footage. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#2501) Crash Kings MX
From motocross GP battlegrounds to max-attack schoolboy MX - is no one safe? 55 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5143) Crash Kings Bikes
150 spectacular crashes from '92-'93 GPs, Harley racing, US Superbikes, IoM TT and desert racing. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5139) Crash Kings Bikes 2
Over 180 wipe-outs from '90s Grand Prix, ice and Thunderbike racing with witty and well-informed commentary by Randy Mamola and Chris Carter. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5279) Crash Kings Bikes 3
The most spectacular wipe-outs from the 1996-'97 Grand Prix. Excellent film quality, excellent commentary - crazy crashes! 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$24.95**

(#5552) The Ultimate Ride
Thrill-seekers only need apply as we strap you into over 20 unforgettable rides including the Tornado rollercoaster, GP bike, parachute, etc. 60 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(#5556) Ultimate Ride 2
Thirty explosive rides that will take your breath away! Nemesis rollercoaster, Europe's best aerobatics teams, Isle of Man TT, Ice Karting, Hot Rods & more. Hold on! 72 minutes from White Star/Duke Video. **$34.95**

(176A) Crash Impact II
Over 100 crashes & spectacular mishaps in a dozen categories of motorsports. 55 minutes from Powersports Video. **$24.95**

(#137) Sandtraxx #3
Nothin' but sand and quad ATV's in this look at the SoCal dune culture. 47 minutes from X-Factor. **$24.95**

(#143) 5th Gear Pinned
A film by Zeroed-In Productions, featuring Damon Huffman, Mike Craig, Casey Lytle, Kyle Lewis, Mike Cinqmars, Ray Sommo, Rich Taylor, and Mike Jones, Trigger Gumm, Jeff Willoh, Brian Ferrell, Shaun Perolio, Rusty Holland & Adam Pierce. Soundtrack by Anthrax, Testament, SNFU, RKL, Grip, Vicious Rumors, Bouncing Souls. 35 minutes from X-Factor. **$29.95**

INSTRUCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL

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More advanced than "Tape #1," expands & describes in more detail all the important techniques & fundamentals. Also shows what it takes to reach the top. 65 minutes from Gary Semics Video. **$42.95**

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(#39) Gary Semics MX Techniques #5: What To Do On Race Day
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Training methods & strategies for racing with strength & endurance in your arms, not lactic acid "arm pump." Learn how to condition your arms for motocross performance. Includes advice on pre-race warmup & massage, and diet & supplement tips. Bonus footage of extreme aerials with McGrath, Hughes & Metzger in SoCal. 21 minutes from Gary Semics Video. **$24.95**

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(#170) Sweet Spot Video Library Set
Six tape set of instructional/technical sportbike performance videos covering "Track Preparation," "Tires, Chassis & Suspension," "Carburetion & Exhaust Systems," "Performance Systems;" "Dialing In," and "Motorcycle Hygiene," featuring instruction from motorcycle performance industry experts on each topic. Total time all 6 tapes, 9 hours & 45 minutes from Diversified Media. **$204.95**

(#171A) Sweet Spot Video: Track Preparation
Covers: Rider safety equipment (leathers, body armor, boots, gloves, helmets, face shields); motorcycle bodywork (replacing original stock bodywork and fitting with fiberglass, finishes, fasteners, what to remove for the race track, catch bottles, number plates); custom painting helmets; tech inspections. Featured experts are Stoughton Smead of Motorace/Dainese; Troy Kirkpatrick of TK Designs; Gary Lenzmeier of Body by Northstar; Jim Leonard of Vance & Hines; Rick Marlin of Fog City; and Al Hathaway, LRRS Chief Technical Inspector. 113 minutes from Diversified Media. **$29.95**

(#22) Advanced Techniques of Off-Road Riding
Dick Burleson explains advanced motorcycle setup and riding techniques for challenging terrain and obstacles. 26 minutes from Thumper Racing. **$38.95**

(#171B) Sweet Spot Video: Tires, Chassis & Suspension
Covers: Suspension preparation (preload, damping, rebound, compression, sag, trail, ride height with effect to chassis alignment); front forks (oil weight, springs, valving); tire tread pattern (DOT vs. race, compound, carcass, wheel size and tire size, profiles, tire development, radial vs. bias, grip and surface patch, expense, scuffing a new tire, tuning the tire, heat cycles, pressures, pyrometers, braking, tire warmers). Featured experts are Dale Rathwell, Yamaha Suspension Engineer; and Ken Williams of Michelin Tire. 90 minutes from Diversified Media. **$43.95**

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(#171D) Sweet Spot Video: Performance Systems
Covers: Oils & fluids (petroleum vs. semi-synthetic vs. fully synthetic, engine cleanliness, oxidation, break-in/seating time period and method, viscosity, lubrication & horsepower, heat transfer, additives, fork oils, storage lubricants); cooling systems (water wetter, chassis lube); drive train (chain 520 vs. 530 conversion, O-ring vs. non O-ring, master link vs. rivet, chain tension adjustment, sprockets, brake and clutch lines, brake pads, brake fluids, rotors, ignition advancer); safety wiring. Featured experts are Cliff Sherlock of Red Line Oil and Jim Leonard of Vance & Hines. 100 minutes from Diversified Media. **$39.95**

(#171E) Sweet Spot Video: Dialing In
Covers: Trackside tuning; dialing in the bike for rider's style and track conditions; suspension; jetting; tire tuning; and gearing (includes on-board video). Featured experts are Kurt Hall, 18-time national sprint champion and national endurance champion; Lawrence Bolton of Dynojet; Jeff Johnston of Metzeler Motorcycle Tires; Dave Schlosser of Dutchman Racing; and Jim Leonard of Vance & Hines. 90 minutes from Diversified Media. **$44.95**

(#171F) Sweet Spot Video: Motorcycle Hygiene
Covers: Cleaning the motorcycle (products and finishes); winterizing and storage (lubricants, fuel system, carburetor, battery, bike finish and storing, apparel); prepping your bike for new season (inspection and servicing of tires, oils, fuel and starting). Featured experts are Rob Douglas of BIS Imports and Jeff Haynor, the series host. 60 minutes from Diversified Media. **$24.95**

MOVIES

(#138) Easy Rider
This is the classic youth film of the 1960's which reflected the attitudes and longings of an entire generation. Two motorcyclists (Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper) embark on a coast-to-coast odyssey in search of the real America. 94 minutes from Progressive Design. **$37.95**

(#139) The Wild One
What's Johnny rebelling against? "What have you got," he sneers as an angry young Marlon Brando scorches the screen in this powerful '50s cult classic. 79 minutes from Progressive Design. **$37.95**

(#140) On Any Sunday
Bruce Brown's classic 1971 film which covers virtually every form of motorcycle competition from the AMA's Grand National Tour to Motocross; Desert Racing to Ice Racing; the ISDT to the Widowmaker Hillclimb; the Bonnneville Salt Flats to the Elsinore Grand Prix- 90 minutes from X-Factor. **$44.95**

(#140A) On Any Sunday II
The follow-up to the original greatest motorcycle movie of all time. Close-up looks at the motorcycle stars of the mid-70's including Bruce Penhall, Brad Lackey, Bob Hannah, Kenny Roberts, and more at the top of their form. 90 minutes from X-Factor Video. **$29.95**

(#141) Legacy
Join Roger DeCoster, Bob Hannah, Jeff Ward and Rick Johnson as they reminisce about their careers and epic battles as this film threads its way throughout the evolution of motocross from it's roots in the early 70's to the star-studded 90's. No true motocross fan should be without this video. 70 minutes from X-Factor. **$34.95**

(#181) Heavy Duty: 90 Years w/ H-D
An all-around look at the H-D mystique, from the 90th anniversary celebration in Milwaukee to Sturgis and Daytona; a look at the various big twin designs, a tour of the Milwaukee factory, custom built Harleys and racing, too...Harley drag racing, dirt track and road racing, including some spectacular crashes. 70 minutes by Duke, from White Star Video. **$32.95**

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Winner Don Frauenberger (76Z) slides to the outside, while Ron Wood (48) looks inside in the 250cc Novice class at the final Temecula short track of the 1998 season. Frauenberger took the class win.

SDFTA Dirt Track Season Finale

Petton pounds Temecula ST

By Fred Windum

TEMECULA, CA, NOV. 15

Travis Petton closed the season at the San Diego Flat Track Association's final District 37/38 race of the season with a win in the Pro-Sport 600cc class, the last race of the day at the Temecula Speedway quarter-mile oval. With more riders and more classes, the new track has had a successful first year.

The 250cc Novice class is one of the new classes intended to allow new racers to come out and give dirt track racing a try without having to jump in with the more experienced racers. Jim Wood jumped the start, a good thing for Craig Hamilton and Larry Price, as the two riders tangled in turn three and were able to make the restart due to Wood's indiscretion. Roger Winiger led the field through the first lap, but Wood charged through the pack from the penalty line to lead into turn one on the second lap.

Hamilton, unaffected by his earlier tumble, slipped past Winiger and inside Wood, trying for the lead, but Winiger snaked past both to take over. As the white flag came out, Wood pulled up on Winiger, getting a better drive off Temecula's tricky turn two to retake the lead and the win, ahead of Winiger, Hamilton, Tom Bohler, Matt Fisher and Larry Price.

Former U.S. National Speedway Champion Brad Oxley got the jump on the Bomber class on his old TT500 Baja ride, ahead of Rick Reed, Bill Silverthorn and Robbie Nolin. Reed pulled along the inside while Oxley was looking for the cushion around the outside. Reed gained the top spot on the front straight, as Nolin moved ahead of Silverthorn for third. Oxley soon took the lead back through turn two, while Nolin dropped Reed back to third on the next lap as Silverthorn closed the gap on Reed. Nolin closed the gap on Oxley and, as they pulled up through lapped traffic, took over the lead to the checkered flag. Oxley took second ahead of Reed, Silverthorn, Brian Burkhalter and John Garcia Jr.

Dennis Briggs changed the tires on his YZ250 and led a Yamaha sweep of the 250cc Pro Sport race. Briggs led Richard Pollock, Glenn L'Ileureaux and Ryan Fisher from the start, never looking back at the action behind him. L'Heureaux took advantage of Pollock's trip to the high line to snag second, leaving him to fend off Joe Steffen and Fisher. Steffen took third trom Pollock inside turn one with Fisher in tow. Pollock held off the junior speedway ace, but Fisher had the advantage coming onto the back straight and dropped Pollock to fifth. Briggs cruised out front as Steffen tried a final charge to get past L'Heureaux, pulling alongside at the flag but coming up a wheel short. Briggs took the big money, with L'Heuraeux holding on for second ahead of Steffen, Fisher, Pollock and Marcus Phares.

Petton, Briggs and Bob Cobb got out of the gate a little too fast in the Open Pro-Sport class, and the starter decided to give everyone another chance. Oxley's championship speedway experience came in handy, as he nailed the restart on his Yamaha ahead of Petton's Wood Rotax, while Triumph-mounted Jeff Johnson motored around the outside and past both to take the lead on the back straight on lap two. Petton soon was around Oxley and after Johnson, as Briggs used the horsepower of his Wood Rotax test ride to pull along inside Oxley going into turn one. Oxley was able to keep third through turn two, but Briggs dropped Oxley to fourth on the back straight while Rick Reed cruised behind Oxley in fifth. Robbie Nolin was moving up through the field, stuffing inside Richard Pollock to Reed, who was slowly closing the gap to Oxley.

Up front, Petton found a way around Johnson, settling into a rhythm and leaving the work to Johnson and Briggs, both keeping the pressure on the leader. Oxley, in fourth, was being shadowed by Reed and Nolin in their own little battle for position. Just before the white flag came out, Petton slipped wide in turn four within sight of the starter, letting Johnson under for the lead. Petton quickly recovered, sticking a wheel inside Johnson in one, but Johnson had the drive down the back straight. As the two raced down the back straight and into three, Petton came in too hot, almost clipping Johnson's rear wheel. Then Johnson nearly got pitched over the high side in turn four, letting Petton drive by on the outside. At the same time, Briggs got a drive on the inside, trying to get by Petton. At the line it was Petton by a wheel, followed by Briggs and Johnson. Oxley held fourth over Reed, Nolin and Pollock. CN

Temecula Speedway
Temecula, California
Results: November 15, 1998

CLSSC: 1. Eddic Castro (Ind); 2. Vince Graves (Bul); 3. Gordon Menzie (R-E); 4. Jim McMurren (H-D); 5. Gerry Duttweller (Tri).

BMBR: 1. Robbie Nolin (Yam); 2. Brad Oxley (Yam); 3. Rick Reed (Yam); 4. Bill Silverthorn (Yam); 5. Brian Burkhalter (Suz).

VINT 250: 1. Joe Steffen (Yam); 2. Bruce Reynolds (Bul); 3. Jeff Apple (Bul); 4. Chuck Claydon (Yam); 5. Take Mitsunori (Hon).

NOV 250: 1. James Wood (Hon); 2. Roger Winiger (Yam); 3. Craig Hamilton (Yam); 4. Tom Bohler (Yam); 5. Matt Fisher.

SPTSMN 250: 1. Don Frauenberger (Yam); 2. Ron Wood (Hon); 3. Vince Graves (Yam); 4. Glenn L'Heureaux (Yam); 5. Jim Wood (Yam).

250 PRO-SPT: 1. Dennis Briggs (Yam); 2. Glenn L'Heureaux (Yam); 3. Joe Steffen (Yam); 4. Ryan Fisher (Hon); 5. Richard Pollock (Yam).

SPTSMN 400: 1. Sal Peluso (Hus); 2. Don Frauenberger (Yam); 3. Bruce Reynolds (Bul); 4. Richard Pollock (Yam).

VET (35+): 1. Jeff Johnson (Tri); 2. Rick Reed (Tri); 3. Shane Scott (Rtx); 4. Elliott Iverson (W-R); 5. Richard Pollock (Yam).

SR (50+): 1. Richard Fox (Yam); 2. Bill Silverthorn (Yam); 3. Cecil Oswald (Tri); 4. Jim McMurren (H-D); 5. Gordon Menzie (R-E).

S/SR (60+): 1. Ron Gould (Tri); 2. Marshall Jennings (Yam); 3. Sam Grey (Hon); 4. Ron Knowles (W-R); 5. Dave Cheney (Yam).

NOV OPEN: 1. Paul Tomlinson (Suz); 2. Roger Winiger (Yam); 3. Craig Hamilton (Yam); 4. Robert Christ (Hon); 5. Shawn Kump (Yam).

SPTSMN OPEN: 1. Shane Scott (Rtx); 2. Elliott Iverson (W-R); 3. Akira Kazuoka (W-R); 4. Chad Morse (Kaw); 5. Bill Silverthorn (Yam).

PRO-SPT OPEN: 1. Travis Petton (W-R); 2. Dennis Briggs (W-R); 3. Jeff Johnson (Tri); 4. Brad Oxley (Yam); 5. Rick Reed (W-R).

VINT 750: 1. Ken Thiebaud (Tri); 2. Sal Peluso (Tri); 3. Bob Cobb (Yam); 4. Steve Miller (Yam); 5. Steve Gorby (Hon).

Harada hot at GFI Series MX opener

By Greg Robertson

PERRIS, CA, NOV. 14

In the opening round of what is probably the last series to be run under the GFI Racing banner at Perris Raceway, Gary Harada went four-for four to claim both the Over 30 and Over 35 Novice-class wins.

The toughest of Harada's four wins on the day came in the opening Over 35 Novice moto, where he had to work his way up through traffic. By the end of the first lap, KX250-mounted Harada was up to third behind C.T. Falk. Harada spent most of the moto chipping away at Jeff Eary's lead before finally finding a way around with slightly over a lap remaining. Eary finished second, a safe distance ahead of Falk and Keith Stoner.

Harada was untouchable in the second round as he grabbed the early lead on his PVK/Giha Inc.-backed Kawasaki and roosted away with a class sweep. Once Eary and Falk got around Phil Means they argued over second place throughout the moto. Eary came out on top of the second-place skirmish when the checkers flew. Means went 5-4 to nab fourth over the 4-6 of Stoner.

Harada returned to lead every lap of both Over 30 Novice motos. Anthony Rose turned a couple of midpack starts into 2-2 finishes to top D.R. McCain and Frank Villa.

The 125cc Beginner class belonged to Isreal Ochoa as the RM125 rider laid waste to the field in both motos with wire-to-wire wins. Chad Rozanek mixed it up with Chris Paramore, Ryan McPhillips and Kevin Holmes in the first moto before pulling away to finish in second place over Holmes. Rozanek gated in second place in the second moto but was no match for Ochoa. Rozanek settled for a 2-2 score. Holmes, Paramore and Russell Delapp came across in third through fifth respectively.

Kevin Breid used a couple of good starts to sweep the 80cc Novice field on his NCY-backed YZ80. Spencer Meineke came from way back to nab second place at the finish over Jeff Vaughn and Jason Domann in moto one. Meineke could only manage a fourth-place showing in moto two, which dropped him to third overall behind the consistent 3-3 finishes of Vaughn.

Results

50 STK (4-6): 1. Dakota Garner (Cob).
50 OPEN: 1. Dakota Garner (Cob).
60 F/T: 1. Darwyn Tager (Kaw).
60 BEG: 1. Justin Falk (Kaw).
60 NOV: 1. Aaron Breid (KTM); 2. Brys Kuntz (Kaw); 3. Casey Huntley (Kaw); 4. Jeremy Johnson (Kaw).
80 BEG: 1. Dane Jackson (Yam); 2. Mike Serrato (Yam); 3. Jason Cuffel (Yam); 4. Brys Kuntz (Yam).
80 NOV: 1. Kevin Breid (Yam); 2. Steve Vaughn (Yam); 3. Spencer Meineke (Yam); 4. Chris Alexksiejczyk (Kaw); 5. Bryan Minter (Suz).
80 INT: 1. Zac Wray (Yam); 2. Tyson Burmaister (Yam); 3. Brent Line (Yam); 4. Danny Mohr (Yam).
80 EX: 1. Brandon Staddan (Yam); 2. Micky Griffin (Yam).
S/MINI: 1. Micky Griffin (Yam); 2. Emeka Udea (Hon); 3. Kevin Breid (Yam); 4. Brent Line (Yam); 5. Jeff Vaughn (Yam).
125 BEG: 1. Isreal Ochoa (Suz); 2. Chad Rozanek (Suz); 3. Kevin Holmes (Suz); 4. Chris Paramore (Yam); 5. Ryan McPhillips (Yam).
125 NOV: 1. Jason Ciarletta (Yam); 2. Chad Frank (Yam); 3. Mike Horvath (Suz); 4. Scott Coleman (Yam).
125 INT: 1. Chris Barrett (KTM).
250 BEG: 1. Zac Marquez (Hon); 2. Daniel French (Suz); 3. Ryan Orr (Yam); 4. Henry Hornsveld (Yam); 5. Steve Bullock (Yam).
250 NOV: 1. David Nickols (Hon); 2. Dan Stoner Z(KTM).
250 INT: 1. Brett Milan (Yam); 2. Chris Barrett (KTM).
PROS: 1. Akira Narita (Hon); 2. Shinic Hi Kaga (Hon); 3. Tyson Taylor (Suz); 4. Billy Mercier (Yam).
25+ BEG: 1. Brian Pappalando (Hon); 2. Kon Baur (Yam); 3. Steve Bullock (Yam).
30+ BEG: 1. Jeff Millard (Yam); 2. Cliff Flowers (Suz); 3. Jason Aeck (Yam).
30+ NOV: 1. Gary Harada (Kaw); 2. Anthon Rose (Yam); 3. D.R. McCain (Yam); 4. Frank Villa.
30+ INT: 1. Bryan Davis (Yam); 2. Greg Pierce (Yam); 3. Greg Caughey (Yam); 4. Nathan Pitman (Yam).
30+ PRO: 1. Mark Brooks (Kaw); 2. Jon Lundberg (Yam); 3. Mike Pfaffroth (KTM).
35+ NOV: 1. Gary Harada (Kaw); 2. Jeff Eary (Suz); 3. C.T. Falk (Yam); 4. Phil Means (Yam); 5. Keith Stoner (KTM).
35+ INT: 1. Randy Skinner (Suz); 2. Greg Mazio (Yam); 3. Tim Tucker (Kaw).
40+ NOV: 1. Willy Haney (Suz); 2. Jim Masters (Kaw); 3. Kirk Lakrofka (Hon); 4. Tim Williams (Kaw).
40+ EX: 1. Ron Turner (Yam); 2. Brent Wallingsford (Kaw); 3. Dan Stoner (KTM); 4. Randy Minter (Suz); 5. Jim Domann (Yam).

Gary Harada won both motos of the Vet Junior class at Glen Helen Raceway's Saturday REM Motocross in San Bernardino, California.

Harada hauls at REM Glen Helen Motocross

By Rocky Hash

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, NOV. 21

Kawasaki rider Gary Harada mixed good starts, consistent riding and a bit of good fortune to create a winning recipe, as he bested the always-competitive Vet Novice class at Racing Enterprises Motosports' Saturday Motocross, held at Glen Helen Raceway Park.

After snagging the holeshot in moto one, Harada immediately opened up a five-second advantage and began to demonstrate his disappearing act. KTM-mounted Keith Stoner ran strong, as he diced most of the moto with Chris Alamangos for the second-place position. After an uncharacteristic poor start, Eric Crippa charged his CR250 up to the fourth spot by the halfway point and joined the Stoner/Alamangos fray. Kawasaki rider Eric Carr filled out the top five.

At the checkers, it was Harada taking the moto win, with Stoner finishing a solid second. Crippa moved up to claim the third spot after passing Alamangos on the last lap.

The start of moto two was drastically different, as Crippa grabbed the holeshot. Harada, always a strong starter, gated in second place, while Stoner's KTM held down third. Peter Neumeller pushed his Honda into the fourth spot, and Alamangos was in fifth at the end of lap one.

Stoner was the man on the move, as he shot his SX250 into the lead by lap three and appeared to be pulling from the rest of the racers. Crippa continued to hold down second, though Harada was hounding him and looking for an opportunity to pass. As the moto wore on, Stoner began to stretch his lead. Harada made his move around Crippa just after the halfway point to move into the second slot.

Just as it appeared that Stoner was on his way to the second-moto win and the Overall for the day, disaster struck. Stoner came around limping on the second-to-last lap with a flat rear tire. Harada took advantage of the situation and moved around Stoner to take over the lead. At the checkers, it was Harada taking the moto win to complete his perfect day ahead of Crippa, who scored a 3-2 to finish in second. Alamangos rounded out the top three when he made it around Stoner earning a 4-3 moto tally for third place on the day.

Results

80 JR: 1. Andrew Petrie (Kaw); 2. Bryan Simpson (Yam); 3. Micky Ortiz (Kaw).

125 BEG: 1. Joe Schroeder (Yam); 2. Sean Boulware (TM); 3. Chris Herrin (Suz); 4. Ryan Amaradio (Yam); 5. Scott Fryer (Yam).

250 JR: 1. Josh Boulware (Kaw); 2. Mark Oldroyd (Hon); 3. Bryan Vazzana (Hon); 4. Lyndon Parker (Kaw); 5. Bill Steven (Suz).

VET BEG: 1. Becky Kukla (Kaw); 2. Mark Joseph (Kaw); 3. Jerome Mage (Kaw); 4. Ryan Leone (Suz); Rick Hodges (Kaw).

VET NOV: 1. Gary Harada (Kaw); 2. Eric Crippa (Hon); 3. Chris Alamangos (Kaw); 4. Keith Stoner (KTM); 5. Peter Neumeller (Hon).

VET INT: 1. Rob Engel (Yam); 2. Stephen Watson (Kaw); 3. Ken Mallow (Kaw); 4. Rocky Hash (Hon); 5. Brad Diez (Yam).

PRO: 1. Willy Musgrave (Hon); 2. Mark Tilley (KTM); 3. Chris Smith (Suz).

40+ JR: 1. Larry Boulware (Kaw); 2. Larry Fossett (Yam); 3. Mitch Evans (Kaw); 4. Bob Barilla (Yam); 5. Kent Reep (Suz).

40+ INT: 1. Phil Beckman (Suz); 2. Scott Mays (KTM); 3. Jeff Arzouman (Yam); 4. Allen McKay (Yam); 5. Curt Jablonski (Hon).

40+ EX: 1. Mark Hall (Yam); 2. Pete Vetrano (TM); 3. Dennis Boulware (Yam).

40+ MSTR: 1. Willie Amaradio (Yam); 2. Marc Crosby (Kaw); 3. Rich Eierstedt (KTM); 4. George Kohler (Suz); 5. Tom White (Kaw).

50+ MSTR: 1. Alan Olson (Yam); 2. Horst Leitner (Yam); Bengt Johansson (Yam); 4. Lars Larsson (KTM); 5. Zapata Espinoza (Yam).

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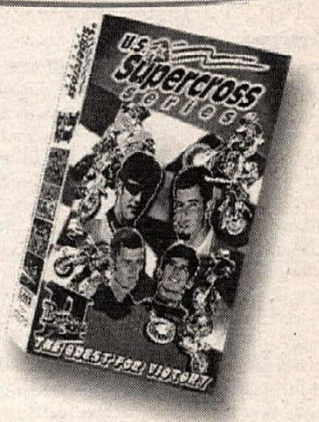

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(Left) YZ250-mounted Bobby Lynch aced the Over 40 Novice class with two moto wins at the AMP/GFI Octoberfest Series MX in Turlock, California (Right) Jeff Eide led the 125cc Intermediate class from start to finish at the CRC Wild Turkey Grand Prix held at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California.

Lynch leaves them at AMP/GFI Octoberfest Series MX

By Jim & Valerie Enos

TURLOCK, CA, NOV. 22

Zing/Bills Pipes/Sprocket Specialist-backed Bobby Lynch dusted the competition en route to a victory in the Over 40 Novice class at round three of the 1998 AMP/GFI Octoberfest Gold Cup Series, presented by Parts Unlimited & Yamaha of Modesto. Lynch, who recently came off a third-place finish at the Vet Nationals, rode two solid motos to post consistent 1-1 motos. Nearly 225 riders made the journey to the popular Oatfield Raceway and the AMP crew once again laid out a technical and challenging track.

Moto one saw Lynch on the gas just long enough to grab the holeshot with Kevin Wilkinson right on his tail. Tim Donalson, David McCandless and Rob Dresser followed as the pack traversed the turn-infested track. Wilkinson got a little out of shape trying to pass Lynch and went down. Lynch maintained the lead as Donalson worked his way up to challenge the first-place rider. The two battled for a lap until Lynch turned it up a notch and began to open up a sizable lead.

Meanwhile, Dresser passed McCandless to take over third and then quickly made his way up to Donalson's rear fender to make a bid for second. Dresser made the pass on Donalson over the big step-up jump and set out after Lynch. Lynch, however was maintaining a steady pace and had opened up a 10-second lead by the third lap. On the white-flag lap, Dresser put it on cruise control figuring Lynch was too far gone. Lynch took the checkered flag with a huge lead over Dresser. Donalson, McCandless and Nick McKinnon rounded out the top five.

"I got a good start and when Wilkinson tried to pass me, I just grabbed a handful of second gear and outgassed him," Lynch said. "I got arm pump near the end, but luckily I had a good-sized lead."

As the riders lined up for moto two, missing from the gate was Dresser, who was nursing an injury sustained in a second-class moto. As the gate dropped, Lynch shot into the lead ahead of Donalson, McKinnon and McCandless. Lynch quickly opened up a cushion and appeared well on his way to a repeat of moto one.

Back in second, Donalson ran into a little trouble as he cross-rutted and stalled his bike. YZ400-mounted McKinnon seized the opportunity and thundered by Donalson moving into second. Donalson was not about to give up and chased down McKinnon. On the white-flag lap, McKinnon and Donalson came over the finish-line jump side by side, but McKinnon maintained second place as they entered the ensuing turn. Time ran out for Donalson as the checkered flag came out waving for Lynch followed by McKinnon. Donalson settled for second just ahead of McCandless.

Results

80 NOV: 1. Stephen Hernandez (Yam); 2. Ryan Philpott (Yam); 3. Brett Markarian (Yam); 4. Mike Matson (Yam); 5. Rory Radovich (Hon).

80 INT: 1. Matt McCrummen (Yam); 2. Jarid Blevins (Yam).

80 SPR MINI: 1. Matt McCrummen (Yam); 2. Mike Matson (Yam); 3. Jarid Blevens (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Don Bailey (Yam); 2. Mike Starkweather (Hon); 3. Josh Weatherly (Suz); 4. Chad Stephens (Yam); 5. Greg Center (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Chris Loredo (Yam); 2. Dylan Vicha (Yam); 3. Brian Gordon (Suz); 4. Jeff Morrey (Suz); 5. Skip Norman (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Jesse Ketcham (Suz); 2. Turbo Reif (Hon); 3. Kenny Heess (Hon); 4. Craig Truglio (Kaw); 5. Brandon Jones (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Kevin Green (Hon); 2. Jason Cameron (Yam); 3. Jeremy Weatherly (Hon); 4. John Delbridge (Suz).

250 NOV: 1. Craig Humphrey (Yam); 2. Christopher Loredo (Yam); 3. Dominic Gayton (Yam); 4. Joey Rulz (Hon).

250 INT: 1. Craig Truglio (Kaw); 2. Jesse Ketcham (Suz); 3. Turbo Reif (Hon); 4. Sam Sawdey (Yam); 5. Phil Segundo (Hon).

250 PRO: 1. Jeff Brownlee (Yam); 2. Terry Bastard (Yam).

500 PRO: 1. Jeff Brownlee (Yam).

+25 BEG: 1. Russell Wilcox (Suz); 2. Nick Huetter (Yam).

25+ NOV: 1. Dominic Gayton (Yam); 2. Jeff Becker (Yam); 3. Joe Alford (Kaw).

25+ INT: 1. Phil Segundo (Hon); 2. Mike Segundo (Hon); 3. Richard Quinones (Suz); 4. Don Mendenhall (Yam).

25+ EXP: 1. Jeff Brownlee (Yam).

30+ BEG: 1. Nick Huetter (Yam); 2. Bill McCasland (Hon); 3. Robert Craigo (Suz); 4. Mike Flores (Yam).

30+ NOV: 1. Richard Fox (Yam); 2. Jeff Becker (Yam); 3. Alex Chellew (Yam); 4. Frank Sanchez (Hon); 5. William Serpa (Yam).

30+ INT: 1. Skip Guinn (Kaw); 2. Mike Segundo (Hon); 3. John Moore (Hon); 4. Don Mendenhall (Yam).

30+ PRO: 1. Terry Bastard (Yam); 2. Randy Pockrandt (Kaw); 3. Mike Johnson (Suz)

35+ NOV: 1. Alex Chellew (Yam); 2. Chris Brown (Kaw); 3. Randy Lynch (Yam); 4. Robert Woehrie (Hon); 5. Richard Cervantes (Kaw)

35+ INT: 1. Steve Plattoni (Suz); 2. Hank Armendariz (Suz); 3. Lee Miller (Suz); 4. John Moore (Hon).

40+ NOV: 1. Bobby Lynch (Yam); 2. Tim Donalson (Kaw); 3. Nick McKinnon (Yam); 4. David McCandiess (Hon); 5. Rob Dresser (Yam).

40+ INT: 1. Alan McGehee (Yam); 2. Terry Huffer (Suz); 3. David Brillant (Yam); 4. Dave Harrell (Suz).

40+ EX: 1. Lee Miller (Suz).

U/LTD BEG NOV: 1. Dylan Vicha (Yam); 2. Jeff Morrey (Suz); 3. Skip Norman (Yam); 4. Jason Cameron (Yam); 5. Craig Humphrey (Yam).

U/LTD INT/PRO: 1. Brandon Jones (Yam); 2. Jesse Ketcham (Suz).

OTHG BEG: 1. Tina Handelin (Yam); 2. Jim Kubo (Yam); 3. Darrell Burr (Hon): 4. Darryl Cully (Yam); 5. Marty Lankford (Suz).

OTHG NOV: 1. Nick Huetter (Yam); 2. Pat Saugar (Yam); 3. James Lester (Kaw); 4. Tom Sullivan (Yam).

OTHG INT: 1. Dave Harrell (Suz); 2. Robert Woehrie (Hon); 3. Jim Enos (Suz); 4. Matt Longo (Yam); 5. Rob Dresser (Yam).

OTHG EXP: 1. Steve Plattoni (Suz); 2. Terry Huffer (Suz); 3. John Handelin (Suz); 4. Alan McGehee (Yam); 5. Alex Chellew (Yam).

OTHG PRO: 1. Mike Johnson (Suz); 2. Randy Pockrandt (Kaw).

Eides enjoy CRC visit to Glen Helen

By Greg Robertson

SAN BERNARDINO, CA, NOV. 15

The Eide clan had a successful day at Glen Helen Raceway during the Wild Turkey Grand Prix, as Jeff Eide aced the 125cc Intermediates, Todd Eide spanked the 125cc Beginner class and Justin Eide fought back from a last-place start to finish a respectable third in 250cc Novice action during round four of California Racing Club's 11th annual Sponsorship Series.

Jeff Eide's domination of the 125cc Intermediates began right from the dead-engine start as he grabbed the early lead over Chris Thompson and Scott Priptuen. Thompson shadowed Eide for the first few laps before Eide started to pull away. Brent Gilliam worked his way around Priputen for third as Eide increased his lead to 10 seconds at the midway point. Eide continued on for the win aboard his Chaparral-backed Yamaha.

Nathan Pamintuan smoked the rest of the 125cc Beginners on the opening lap of their 45-minute race. Pamintuan came around 10 seconds ahead of Jesse King and Kit Kunath. Todd Eide suffered a bad start but worked his way up to fourth by the end of lap one. By lap two, Eide moved into second cutting Pamintuan's lead in half. King stayed in third, holding off Jeff Verseput and Jamie Dietz.

By the 20-minute mark in the race, Eide passed Pamintuan and started to build a lead of his own. Grant Moore worked his way up from a poor start and slipped past Pamintuanto into second with 20 minutes remaining. Eide was all by himself to greet the checkers with nearly half a minute to spare over Moore. Pamintuan kept Verseput at bay to earn third, with King rounding out the top five.

Dennis Wagoner nailed the 250cc Novice-class holeshot and ran out front for a couple of laps before Jason Trubey chased him down and pushed him back a position. Darren Staffer and Justin Eide both had troublesome starts, which put them at the very back of the pack. By lap four, they weaved their way through the field to run in second and third respectively.

Trubey's early breakaway was too much for anyone to overcome as he easily took the win after 45 minutes of racing. Eide kept Staffer honest the entire distance for a close third. Wagoner held on for fourth over Alan Hill and Cameron Coatney.

Results

P/W BEG: 1. Marcus Ellison (Hon); 2. Michael Arellano (Act); 3. Justin Schuoler (Lem); 4. Michael Truglia (KTM); 5. Chane Lippie (KTM).

P/W YAM: 1. Kyle Price (Yam).

P/W S/STK (4-6): 1. Dylan Pemberton (Cob); 2. Keith Robinson (KTM).

P/W SISTK (7-9): 1. Cale Summerford (KTM); 2. James Bishop (Lem); 3. Armando Aguilar (KTM).

P/W MOD (4-8): 1. Chase Lippie (KTM).

60 BEG: 1. Adas Bakchis (Kaw); 2. Andrew Yarnell (Kaw); 3. Mikey Garcia (Kaw); 4. Timmy Ritzler (Kaw); 5. Maximillian Alatorre (Kaw).

60 (4-8): 1. Tanner Langham (Kaw); 2. Shawn Butler (Kaw); 3. Preston Lundin (Kaw); 4. Bradley Pace (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Kyle Bergantz (KTM); 2. Casey Logan (Kaw); 3. Blake Harby (Kaw); 4. Travis Foos (Kaw); 5. Douglas Carter (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Jonathan Arana (Kaw); 2. Mitchell Alsobrook (Kaw); 3. Matthew Elliott (Hon); 4. Kyle Robertson (Hon); 5. Darin Chisholm (Yam).

80 (7-11): 1. Edward Herring (Kaw); 2. Sean Borkenhagen (Kaw); 3. Garrett Norr (Suz); 4. Mark Brewer (Kaw); 5. Kyle Bergantz (Yam).

80 (13-13): 1. Daryl Ecklund (Yam); 2. Chris Norr (Hon); 3. Aaron Bargantz (Yam); 4. Nicholas Burson (Kaw); 5. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam).

80 (14-16): 1. Donnie Gritton (Yam); 2. J.J. Hall (Yam); 3. Ryan Riess (Yam); 4. Garrett Warren (Kaw); 5. Scott Stocker (Yam).

WMN: 1. Erin O'Brien (Kaw); 2. Lisa Saul (Kaw).

HEY-DAY: 1. Scott Davis (Hon); 2. Joe Casagrande (Mai); 3. Greg Robertson (Yam); 4. Bryan Davis (C-A).

125 BEG: 1. Todd Eide (Yam); 2. Grant Moore (Yam); 3. Nathan Pamintuan (Suz); 4. Jeff Verseput (Yam); 5. Jesse King (Hon).

125 NOV: 1. Josh Mason (Yam); 2. Johner Faulkner (Yam); 3. Donnie Weber (Kaw); 4. Kevin Jennings (Yam); 5. Bobby Schuler (Yam).

125 INT 1. Jeff Eide (Yam); 2. Chris Thompson (Suz); 3. Brent Gilliam (Yam); 4. Scott Priputen (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Mark Tilley (KTM).

250 BEG: 1. Mark Broneau (Hon); 2. Chris Conahan (Yam); 3. Jerry Sappington (Suz); 4. Neil Chisholm (Hon); 5. Adam Quick (Kaw).

250 NOV: 1. Jason Trubey (Kaw); 2. Darren Staffer (Hon); 3. Justin Eide (Yam); 4. Dennis Wagoner (Yam); 5. Alan Hill Jr. (Suz).

250 INT: 1. Nick Mairose (Suz); 2. Robbie Dunham (Yam); 3. Jon Zahrt (Suz).

PRO: 1. Ty Kady (Yam); 2. Chris Nietzel (Suz); 3. Brian Beach (Yam); 4. Steve Flanders (Yam).

500 NOV: 1. Norm Schiel (Hon).

500 INT: 1. Tab Mauldin (Yam).

JR VET BEG:1. Robert Miller (Hon); 2. Jeff Semmig (Hon).

JR VET NOV: 1. Rob Hall (Yam); 2. Steve Hernandez (Hon); 3. Dal Trubey Jr. (Kaw); 4. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 5. David DeBois (Hon).

JR VET INT: 1. Tim Konkol (Yam).

JR VET EX: 1. Dustin Evans (Hon).

VET BEG: 1. Russ Schouler (Hon); 2. Bryan Davis (Hon); 3. Donte Herrero (Hbg); 4. Kenard Lipscomb (Yam); 5. Greg Wilkins (Suz).

VET NOV: 1. Joe Casagrande (Yam); 2. David DeBois (Hon); 3. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 4. Michael Aguinaldo (Yam); 5. Marc Prince (Yam).

VET INT: 1. Chad Nelson (Yam); 2. Mike Licitra (Kaw); 3. Randy Wilkins (Suz); 4. Darren Staffer (Hon); 5. Vincent Baioni (Hon).

VET EX/PRO: 1. Bryan Nelson (Yam); 2. Frank Costanzo (Hon); 3. Jon Zahrt (Suz); 4. Doug Yarnell (Yam); 5. Doug Phelan (Yam).

SR BEG/NOV: 1. Grant Moore Sr. (Hon); 2. Tony Schuler (Yam); 3. Mark McClain (Kaw); 4. Walter Miles (Hon); 5. Donnie Quanstrom (Hon).

SR INT/EX: 1. Bob Maxwell (Yam); 2. Willie Kennedy (Hon); 3. Rick Johnson (Hon); 4. John Ferro (Hon); 5. Edwardo Flippo (Hon).

OT NOV: 1. Ken Feulner (Hon); 2. Chuck Woody (Yam); 3. Steve Popjoy (Kaw); 4. Bill Warren (Kaw); 5. Fred Kalmick (Kaw).

OT AM: 1. Remy Pamintuan (Suz); 2. Charles Howell (Yam); 3. Jeff Hawthorne (Suz); 4. Steve Read (Yam); 5. Richard Bealer (Yam).

OT EX: 1. Jack Roten (Yam); 2. Jim McConnell (Kaw); 3. Steve Basmajian (Yam); 4. Kirk Freeman (Yam); 5. Scott McDonall (Hon).

OT MSTR B: 1. Alan O'Brien (Yam); 2. Rhett Higgins (Kaw); 3. Mike Ferro (Hon); 4. Bill Carr (Yam); 5. Norm Westateland (Hon).

OT MSTR A: 1. Willie Kennedy (Hon); 2. John Ferro (Hon); 3. Alan Kent (Yam); 4. Karl Allen (Hon); 5. Dennis Patterson (Kaw).

Team

80: 1. Jonathan Arana/Justin Pamintuan; 2. Brennon McGinnis/Kyle Robertson.

SPTSMN: 1. Bobby Schuler/Brandon Norton; 2. Justin Eide/Tony Schuler; 3. Grant Moore/Grant Moore Sr; 4. Joe Casagrande/Steve Casagrande; 5. Nick Paramore/Chris Paramore.

IRONMAN 80: 1. Sean Borkenhagen; 2. Mike Epstein.

IRONMAN SPTSMN: 1. Matt Freeman; 2. Cameron Coatney; 3. Brad Goolsby; 4. Chris Taylor.

Elkins skies to victory at Starwest Motorcross

By Chris Sanchirico

PERRIS, CA, NOV. 2-3

Jake Elkins ripped up the track, going 2-1 on the night besting Kevin Townsend's 1-2 at round three of the Starwest Contingency Series.

Elkins' win came in the 125cc Intermediate class were he competed against Southern California's top amateur riders.

The 125cc Intermediates had some impressive company on their gate with the likes of AMA Pro racers Danny Carlson and Chris Neitzel. DHP/Shift-sponsored Carlson was using round three as a warm-up for the upcoming AMA West Coast Supercross series.

In moto one, Carlson quickly put his YZ

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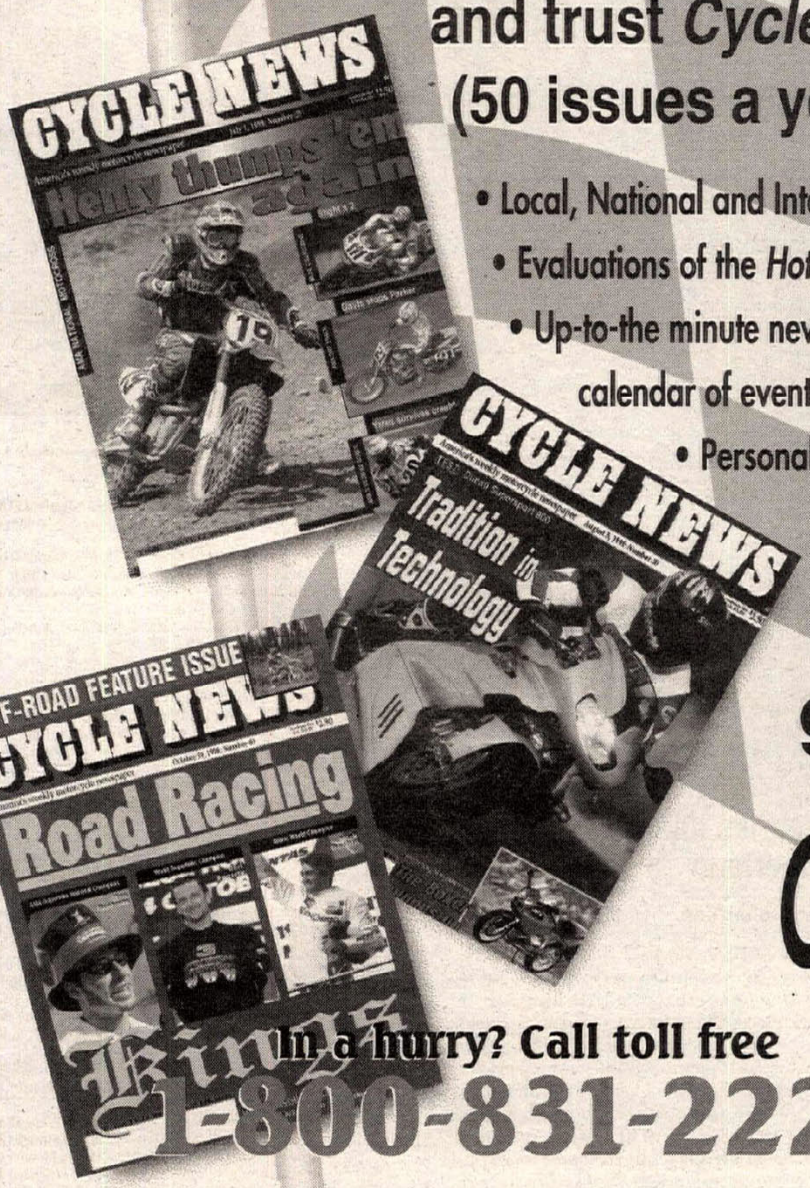

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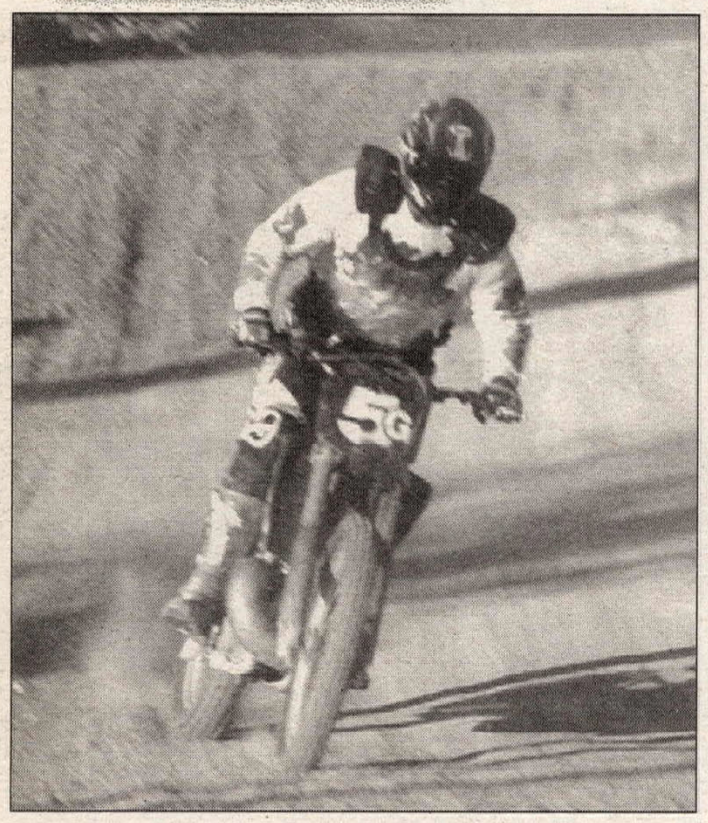

(Left) Kirk Lukrofka came from behind to win both motos of the Over 38 Intermediate class at Carlsbad Raceway. (Right) Ryan Robertson took the 125cc Beginner-class honors with a 5-1 score at the final round of CRC's Sponsorship Series held at Los Angeles County Raceway in Palmdale, California.

ahead, leaving the rest of the competition in the dust. By doing so, he demonstrated to the crowd the difference between a fast Intermediate and an up-and-coming Pro. Elkins proved eager to learn from Carlson putting his YZ in second overall. Townsend, not wanting to be outdone, took the Intermediate lead away from Elkins before the moto was over. Elkins finished a close second behind class winner Townsend.

In moto two, Intermediate Sean O'Connor found himself at the bottom of a first-turn pile-up with moto-one winner Carlson. The first-turn disaster allowed Branden Milstead to grab the lead, with Elkins, Neitzel, Townsend and Carlson in tow. Carlson had his work cut out for him as the lead trio put some distance on the rest of the field as they recovered from the first-turn-pile up. Carlson appeared in top form as he effortlessly sliced through the field and into the lead by lap four.

Meanwhile, in the 125cc Intermediate class, Elkins took the lead from O'Connor and went uncontested to the checkers for the class win. Townsend settled for second and Tim Weigand finished third.

In the hotly contested Super Mini class it was Troy Lee Designs/Noleen-backed Donnie Gritton busting huge air off the massive Starwest triple on his 80, en route to a 1-1 finish for the night. Earning second overall was Race Resumes' Daniel Taft. Taft and Ben Ramsaran wagged war throughout the evening, with Taft gaining the 3-2 advantage over Ramsaran's 2-3.

The biggest race of the evening came from the littlest guys on bikes as the Pee Wees raced the main track in a one-moto, winner-take-all format. With style beyond his years, Danny Gonzales defeated reigning Mini World Champion Bruce Rutherford.

Results

50 PW (4-6): 1. Samual Martinez; 2. Ryan Sherrow; 3. Hailey Garner; 4. Michael Withams; 5. Zachary Pillow.

50 PW (7-8): 1. Justin Walls; 2. Cole McKinicy.

50 STK STRTR (4-6): 1. James Frigo; 2. David Falcon; 3. G. Roldan.

50 STK STRTR (7-8): 1. Cody McKinly; 2. Robert Gutierez; 3. Art Moreno.

MOD P/W: 1. Danny Gonzales; 2. Ray Obermeyer.

STK P/W: 1. Bruce Rutherford; 2. Webb Massey; 3. Chapman Fiene; 4. Cody Tithof; 5. Zachery Fussell.

SPR P/W: 1. Johnny Gelderda; 2. Johnathan Horgan; 3. Coly McGrine; 4. Marcus Carrillo.

50 STK BEG (4-6): 1. Zachery Fussell; 2. Bryce Stewart; 3. Max Ladieu; 4. Joshua Noble; 5. Jordan Gorakski.

50 STK BEG (7-8): 1. Cody Jeffries; 2. Walter Guenther; 3. Devin Dutcall; 4. Jordan Berg; 5. Jake Mendenhall.

50 STK NOV: 1. Dakota Garner; 2. Cody Tithalf; 3. Ricliard Roincro 4. Berker Eickman.

50 STK A: 1. Johnny Gelderda; 2. Webb Massey; 3. Richard Sterling; 4. Chris Bradshaw.

50 MOD BEG (7-8): 1. Cody Jeffries; 2. Jordan Berg; 3. Mike Carlson.

50 MOD B: 1. Dakota Garner; 2. Cody Tithalf; 3. Marcus Carrillo; 4. Justin Jeffers; 5. Richard Romero.

50 MOD A: 1. Johnny Geldera; 2. Webb Massey; 3. Chris Bradshaw.

60 STRTR: 1. Chapman Feine; 2. Corey Coyne; 3. Dana Dreier; 4. Curtis McLellan; 5. Garit More.

60 JR: 1. Mike Alessi; 2. Jeff Alessi; 3. Justin Mulford; 4. Travis Christensen; 5. Shawn Hayes.

80 BEG (0-11): 1. Brandon Spencer; 2. Kenny Clark; 3. Justin Mulford; 4. Justin Lavoie; 5. Jason Hildebrand.

80 BEG (12-16): 1. Gregory Bacon; 2. Chris Duenas; 3. Nathan Salgado; 4. Jimmy Gonzales; 5. Jonathon Bruens.

80: 1. Kale Wallace; 2. Donnie Gritton; 3. Pablo Quintanilla; 4. Ryan Roybal; 5. Daniel Nelson.

SPR MINI (0-16): 1. Donnie Gritton; 2. Daniel Taft; 3. Ben Ramsaran; 4. Pablo Quintanilla; 5. Cody Hertel.

125 BEG: 1. Tony LaCorte; 2. Kevin Homsueld; 3. Mike Davis; 4. Kyle Bentley; 5. Charles Dana.

125 NOV: 1. Brett Hoyal; 2. Richie Owens; 3. Ryan McGee; 4. Steven Eugenio; 5. David Sullins.

125 INT: 1. Jake Elkins; 2. Kevin Townsend; 3. Tim Weigand; 4. Shawn O'Conner; 5. Brandon Milstead.

125 PRO: 1. Danny Carlson; 2. Chris Neitzel.

250: 1. Jimmy Robinson; 2. Max Nelson; 3. Brandon Morgan; 4. J. Manuel.

WMN: 1. Catherine Sanchirico.

VET: 1. Duane Benner; 2. Chris Sanchirico; 3. Chris Turner; 4. Rob McGee; 5. Robert Wexler.

Lukrofka conquers Carslbad Motocross

By Chris Sanchirico

CARLSBAD, CA, NOV. 22

On a track that still possesses the souls of the greatest riders of all time, Kirk Lukrofka took the overall honors by winning the Over 38 Intermediate class with a 1-1 moto tally at Carlsbad Raceway's CMXR Winter MX series. Lukrofka's win was not easy as the Honda rider came from behind in both motos to take the checkered flag.

In moto-one Chuck Warren grabbed the holeshot with Joe Stern, Craig Hamilton, Lukrofka, and Jim Pierce in hot pursuit. As the group completed lap one, the CR of Stern was in the lead. Stern quickly established a cushion over second-placed Hamilton and Lukrofka, who moved around Warren, seizing third. A few laps later, Hamilton dropped off the pace and fell out of the top five, allowing Lukrofka to move up yet another spot.

With a comfortable lead, Stern lost the front end off a downhill and slammed his body onto the rock-hard Carlsbad ground.

"I hit my head hard and couldn't see clearly for three laps," said Stern. "It was a stupid crash. I had the race won."

As Stern dropped back to seventh, Pro Valve-backed Lukrofka seized the lead with only two laps remaining. Lukrofka took the win uncontested with Hamilton finishing second. Bill Schultz put in an impressive late-moto charge to the front of the pack to lock up third.

Rick Peterson grabbed the moto-two holeshot on his big-bore Honda and quickly demonstrated what additional cc's can do as he blew away the field into the first turn and beyond. Giving chase were Stern, Lukrofka and Schultz. Stern's experience at Carlsbad showed as he ran down Peterson and grabbed the lead. The extra power may have been more than Peterson could handle as he began to fade, giving way to Lukrofka, who settled into second.

As the laps wound down, Lukrofka began to apply pressure to first-placed Stern. Lukrofka's persistence paid off when he passed Stern for the lead, giving him the moto win and the overall victory.

"Carlsbad is my track," said Lukrofka about his come-from-behind win.

Stern held on for second securing third overall, with Schultz going a consistent 3-3 for second overall.

Results

38+ BEG: 1. Dennis Rosenberg; 2. David Renner; 3. Maryann Hobbs; 4. Bruce Bandemer; 5. Bryan Patterson.

38+ NOV: 1. Brian Hobbs; 2. Lee Evans; 3. Tom Barnett; 4.Tag Gasparian; 5. Michael Villa.

38+ INT: 1. Kirk Lukrofka; 2. Bill Schultz; 3. Joe Stern; 4. Chris Cuinbo; 5. Crip Pierce.

38+ EX: 1. Paul Needles; 2. Jeff Mason; 3. Nick Costello; 4. Dave Rodriguez; 5. Carl Foley.

38+ PRO: 1. Mark Brooks; 2. Rick Johnson; 3. Carl Gazafy; 4. David Fontez.

BEG: 1. Kevin Gotto; 2. Kirby Smith; 3. Chuck Elsa; 4. Steve Mangiore; 5. Jeff McEntee.

NOV: 1. Steve Jackson; 2. Brian Thienes; 3. David Alari; 4. Doug Lovett; 5. Robert Walsh.

INT: 1. Eric Barr; 2. Donn Maeda; 3. Duane Quale; 4. B.J. Lelin; 5. Meliton Morales.

EX: 1. Scott McDonough; 2. Stephan Watson; 3. Chuck Bennet; 4. David Fijardo; 5. Chris Sanchirico.

PRO: 1. Willy Musgrave; 2. Mark Johnson; 3. Jan Levey; 4. Fred Nichols; 5. Tony Rodriguez.

CRC series finale to Robertson

By Greg Robertson

PALMDALE, CA, NOV. 22

A runaway second-moto performance on the part of Ryan Robertson helped him win the 125cc Beginner at Los Angeles County Raceway during the fifth and final round of California Racing Club's 11th annual Sponsorship Series

Grant Moore jumped out to the first-moto lead and would run out front for over a lap on the sandy track before Matt Bate proved to be slightly faster. Jeff Verseput pushed Moore back to third place, then studied Bate's lines for a lap before grabbing the lead himself.

With a clear track in front of him, Verseput put 5 seconds between him and second-place finisher Bate by moto's end. Jaime Klein pressured Bate on the final lap, but went down and quickly fell from third to a distant 10th place. Matt Simpson inherited a lonely third-place finish.

Fourth was up for grabs, with Miles Buck, Robertson, Moore and Todd Eide all within inches of each other. Miles prevailed to hold off Robertson's Suzuki at the wire.

In moto two, Chris Taylor timed the drop of the gate perfectly to lead Robertson, Robert May, and Bate into the first turn. Within a lap Robertson had his RM125 running out front. Taylor settled for second and Bate moved around May for third.

Robertson rode a flawless moto all the way to the checkers to capture the overall with a 5-1 score. Taylor easily finished second, but an 11th-place showing in moto one held him to sixth overall. Simpson used consistent 3-3 outings to earn the second-place trophy. Buck, who is fresh out of the mini ranks, worked up from a 10th-place start to earn fourth in the moto and third overall, topping the 2-6 of Bate.

Jon Zahrt won three out of four motos he entered to top the 250cc Intermediates and the Vet Expert/Pro classes. Chris Tocco edged out Zahrt for the first 250cc Intermediate moto victory. Tocco was reeling in the front-running Zahrt in round two until a horrendous crash ruined his race.

Chris Thompson then pressured Zahrt on the final lap to finish a close second. Zahrt returned to go 1-1 for the Vet-class honors over Joe Hopkins, Frank Costanzo and Bryan Nelson. CN

Results

P/W BEG: 1. Marcus Ellison (HM); 2. Michael Truglia (KTM); 3. Chance Lippie (KTM); 4. Michael Arellano (Act); 5. Justin Schouler (Lem).

P/W YAM STK: 1. Kyle Prince (Yam); 2. Scott Winslow (Yam); 3. Sean Robison (Yam).

P/W MOD (4-6): 1. Tommy Aquino (KTM); 2. Chris Plouffe (KTM).

P/W MOD (7-9): 1. Kyle Smith (KTM); 2. Chase Lippie (KTM).

P/W S/STK (4-6): 1. Dylan Pemberton (Cob); 2. Evan Gambetta (KTM); 3. Keith Robinson (KTM).

P/W S/STK (7-9): 1. Preston Lundin (KTM); 2. Armando Aguilar (KTM); 3. Cale Summerford (KTM).

60 BEG: 1. Adas Bakchis (Kaw); 2. Jake Morrow (KTM); 3. Timmy Ritzler (Kaw); 4. Garrett Lilly (KTM); 5. Mikey Garcia (Kaw).

60 (4-8): 1. Trent Pugmire (Kaw); 2. Tanner Langham (Kaw); 3. Shawn Butler (Kaw); 4. Justin Carbody (Kaw); 5. Gregory Grouleff (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Preston Lundin (Kaw); 2. Csaey Logan (Kaw); 3. Kyle Jenkins (Kaw); 4. Ryan Lasko (Kaw); 5. Kyle Bergantz (KTM).

80 BEG: 1. Jonathan Arana (Kaw); 2. Mitchell Alsobrook (Kaw); 3. Greg Owen (Yam); 4. Kyle Robertson; 5. Brennan McGinnis (Yam).

80 (7-11): 1. Edward Herring (Kaw); 2. Garrett Norr (Suz); 3. Brett Crevier (Kaw); 4. Randall Hall (Kaw); 5. Kyle Bergantz (Yam).

80 (12-13): 1. Chris Norr (Hon); 2. Aaron Bergantz (Yam); 3. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam); 4. C.J. Mahon (Yam); 5. Nicholas Burson (Kaw).

80 (14-16): 1. Kevin Williams (Yam); 2. Garrett Warren (Kaw); 3. Ryan Riess (Yam).

B/W: 1. Mike Epstein (Yam); 2. Marcus Enriquez (Hon).

WMN: 1. Erin O'Brien (Kaw); 2. Tara Neitzel (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. Ryan Robertson (Suz); 2. Matt Simpson (Hon); 3. Miles Buck (Suz); 4. Matt Bate (Yam); 5. Todd Eide (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Donnie Durrer (Yam); 2. Josh Mason (Yam); 3. Kurt Caselli (Kaw); 4. Gustan Ribers (Hon); 5. Johner Faulkner (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Nick McBride (Hon); 2. Chris Thompson (Suz); 3. Brent Gilliam (Yam); 4. Tim Weigand (Yam); 5. Jeff Eide (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Chris Neitzel (Suz); 2. Rich Stephens (Yam); 3. Henvik Andreason (Yam).

250 BEG: 1. Scott Felt (Yam); 2. Neil Chisholm (Hon); 3. Mark Broneau (Hon); 4. Jerry Sappington (Suz); 5. Kevin Woodruff.

250 NOV: 1. Daniel Bagwill (Suz); 2. Chris Reed (Kaw); 3. Darren Staffer (Hon); 4. Justin Eide (Yam); 5. Chaz Smith (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Jon Zahrt (Suz); 2. Chris Thompson (Suz); 3. Joe Hopkins (Suz); 4. Nick Mairose (Suz); 5. Frank Costanzo (Hon).

250 PRO: 1. Espen Blikstad (Suz); 2. Chris Neitzel (Suz); 3. Bryan Nelson (Yam); 4. Magnus Olsson (Yam).

500 NOV: 1. Norm Schiel (Hon).

JR VET BEG: 1. Jeff Semmig (Hon).

JR VET NOV: 1. Rob Hall (Yam); 2. Gabi Abayou (Hon); 3. Pasha Afshar (Yam); 4. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 5. Tom MacFarlane.

JR VET INT: 1. Chris Reed (Kaw); 2. Tim Konkol (Yam).

JR VET EX: 1. Dustin Evans (Hon).

VET BEG: 1. Dante Herrero (Hbg); 2. Russ Schuler (Hon); 3. Kenard Lipscomb (Yam); 4. Andy Flum (Yam); 5. Pasha Afshar (Yam).

VET NOV: 1. Jack Miller (Yam); 2. Marc Prince (Yam); 3. Bruce Richards (Kaw); 4. Shy Moshe (Suz); 5. Ray Ritzler (Kaw).

VET INT: 1. Ed Guajardo (Suz); 2. Greg Pierce (Yam); 3. Vince Baioni (Hon); 4. Mike Licitra (Kaw); 5. Randy Wilkins (Suz).

VET EX/PRO: 1. Jon Zahrt (Suz); 2. Joe Hopkins (Suz); 3. Frank Costanzo (Hon); 4. Bryan Nelson (Yam).

SR BEG/NOV: 1. Tony Schuler (Yam); 2. Grant Moore Sr. (Hon); 3. Mark Broneau (Hon); 4. Bob Dunham (Yam).

SR INT/EX: 1. Mike Webb (Suz); 2. Mark Gambetta (Yam); 3. Edwardo Flippo (Hon); 4. Joe Root (Suz); 5. Alan Delarge (Hon).

O/T NOV: 1. Bruce Hoover (Kaw); 2. Frank Derby (Hon); 3. Vance Johnson (Yam); 4. Bob Klatt (Kaw); 5. John Webb (Hon).

O/T AM: 1. Charles Howell (Yam); 2. Richard Bealer (Yam); 3. Ken Beach (Yam); 4. Jeff Hawthorne (Suz); 5. Jeff Petron (KTM).

O/T EX: 1. Herbert Allen (Kaw); 2. Gary Willison (Kaw); 3. Kirk Freeman (Yam); 4. Bob Dunham (Yam); 5. Scott McDonall (Hon).

O/T MSTR B: 1. Alan O'Brien (Yam); 2. Norm Schiel (Hon); 3. Randy Schwalenberg (Yam); 4. Mike Chesbro (Hon).

O/T MSTR A: 1. Mark Gambetta (Yam); 2. Mike Webb (Suz); 3. Alan Delarge (Hon); 4. W.G. Wilson (Suz).

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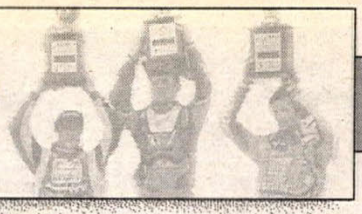


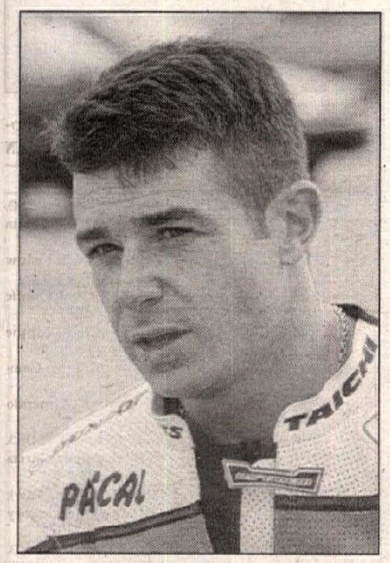
ROAD RACING

500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 14 of 14 rounds):

1. Mick Doohan (Hon), Australia (260/8 wins)
2. Max Biaggi (Hon), Italy (208/2 wins)
3. Alex Criville (Hon), Spain (198/2 wins)
4. Carlos Checa (Hon), Spain (139/1 win)
5. Alex Barros (Hon), Brazil (138)
6. Norick Abe (Yam), Japan (128)
7. Simon Crafar (Yam), New Zealand (119/1 win)
8. Tadayuki Okada (Hon), Japan (106)
9. Nobuatsu Aoki (Suz), Japan (101)
10. Regis Laconi (Yam), France (86)

250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 14 of 14 rounds):

1. Loris Capirossi (Apr), Italy (204/2 wins)
2. Valentino Rossi (Apr), Italy (201/4 wins)
3. Tetsuya Harada (Apr), Japan (200/5 wins)
4. Tohru Ukawa (Hon), Japan (148)
5. Olivier Jacque (Hon), France (116)
6. Haruchika Aoki (Hon), Japan (112)
7. Stefano Perugini (Hon), Italy (102)
8. Takeshi Tsujimura (Yam), Japan (92)
9. Jeremy McWilliams (Hon), England (88)
10. Luis d'Antin (Yam), Spain (74)



PASCAL PICOTTE

125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 14 of 14 rounds):

1. Kazuto Sakata (Apr), Japan (229/4 wins)
2. Tomomi Manako (Hon), Japan (217/5 wins)
3. Marco Melandri (Hon), Italy (202/2 wins)
4. Masao Azuma (Hon), Japan (135/1 win)
5. Lucio Cecchinello (Hon), Italy (130/1 win)
6. Mirko Giansanti (Hon), Italy (113)
7. Masaki Tokudome (Apr), Japan (97)
8. Gianluigi Scalvini (Hon), Italy (89)
9. Roberto Locatelli (Hon), Italy (87)
10. Frederic Petit (Hon), France (78)

WORLD SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Carl Fogarty (Duc), England (351.5/3 wins)
2. Aaron Slight (Hon), New Zealand (347/4 wins)
3. Troy Corser (Duc), Australia (328.5/2 wins)
4. Pier-Francesco Chili (Duc), Italy (293.5/5 wins)
5. Colin Edwards II (Hon), Conroe, TX (279.5/3 wins)
6. Noriyoki Haga (Yam), Japan (258/5 wins)
7. Akira Yanagawa (Kaw), Japan (210)
8. Jamie Whitham (Suz), England (173)
9. Peter Goddard (Suz), Australia (155)
10. Scott Russell (Yam), Alpharetta, GA (130.5)

AMA/MBNA SUPERBIKE NATIONAL C'SHIP SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (355)
2. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (342)
3. Mat Mladin (Suz), Australia (330/1 win)
4. Richard Oliver (Yam), Fresno, CA (285)
5. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (266/2 wins)
6. Tom Kipp (Duc), Chardon, OH (256)
7. Steve Crevier (Suz), Canada (255)
8. Jamie Hacking (Yam), Spartanburg, SC (251)
9. Anthony Gobert (Duc), Australia (249/3 wins)
10. Miguel DuHamel (Hon), Canada (236/4 wins)

AMA/PRO HONDA OILS 600cc SUPERSPORT SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Steve Crevier (Suz), Canada (366/1 win)
2. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (353/6 wins)
3. Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (337)
4. Nicky Hayden (Suz), Owensboro, KY (314/1 win)
5. Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (307/1 win)
6. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (284)
7. Tommy Hayden (Kaw), Owensboro, KY (277)
8. Larry Pegram (Suz), Baltimore, OH (275/1 win)
9. Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA (273)
10. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (233/2 wins)

AMA/TEAMLINE 750cc SUPERSPORT SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Richard Alexander Jr. (Suz), Carmel, NY (338/1 win)
2. Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA (327/2 wins)
3. Mario DuHamel (Suz), Canada (288)
4. Nicky Hayden (Suz), Owensboro, KY (271/4 wins)
5. James Randolph (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA (270)
6. Jimmy Moore (Suz), Eugene, OR (238)
7. Paul Harrell (Suz), Canyon Country, CA (228)
8. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (223/4 wins)
9. John Jacobi (Suz), Bloomington, IN (202)
   Jake Zemke (Suz), Paso Robles, CA (202)

AMA/ELF FUELS 250cc GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Roland Sands (Yam), Long Beach, CA (394/5 wins)
2. Kurtis Roberts (Hon), Turlock, CA (358/3 win)
3. Chuck Sorensen (Yam), Discovery Bay, CA (347/3 wins)
4. Randy Renfrow (Hon), Fredericksburg, VA (263)
5. Geep Terranova (Yam), San Jose, CA (241)
6. Greg Esser (Yam), Pompano Beach, FL (235)
7. Jeffrey Vos (Hon), Holland, MI (224)
8. Takahito Mori (Hon), Japan (219/1 win)
9. Bobby Keith (Hon), Redwood City, CA (212)
   Mark Foster (Yam), San Juan Capistrano, CA (212)

AMA PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE PRO THUNDER SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Paul Harrell (Tri), Canyon Country, CA (372/2 wins)
2. Shawn Higbee (Bue), Waterford, WI (363/3 wins)
3. Curtis Adams (Tri), Whittier, CA (317/6 wins)
4. Michael Gage (Tri), Baldwin Place, NY (272)
5. James Lickwar (Tri), San Francisco, CA (223)
6. Shawn Conrad (Tri), Sheboygan Falls, WI (221)
7. David Hull (Duc), Mesa, AZ (201)
8. Robert Gonzales (Duc), Tucson, AZ (194)
9. Mark Miller (Bue), Long Beach, CA (122)
10. Paul Orlandi (Duc), Grass Valley, CA (120)

AMA/PIRELLI FORMULA XTREME SERIES
(After 11 of 11 rounds):

1. Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (363/9 wins)
2. Tripp Nobles III (Hon), Macon, GA (304/1 win)
3. Mark Miller (Yam), Long Beach, CA (293/1 win)
4. Dean Mizdal (Suz), Huntington Beach, CA (237)
5. Michael Taylor (Kaw), Canada (228)
6. Mario DuHamel (Suz), Canada (194)
7. Chris Voelker (Hon), Bradley, CA (161)
8. Curtis Adams (Yam), Whittier, CA (152)
9 Tray Batey (Suz), Gallatin, TN (142)
10. Mike Voelker (Hon), Bradley, CA (122)

MOTOCROSS

500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Joel Smets (Hbg), Belgium (404/6 wins)
2. Darryll King (Hus), New Zealand (330/1 win)
3. Peter Johansson (Yam), Sweden (250)
4. Bernd Eckenbach (Hus), Germany (231/1 win)
5. Andrea Bartolini (Yam), Italy (225/3 wins)
6. Gert-Jan Van Doorn (Hon), Netherlands (211)
7. Rob Herring (Hon), England (199)
8. Shayne King (KTM), New Zealand (173)
9. Erwin Machtlinger (Hon), Germany (161)
10. Johan Boonen (KTM), Belgium (127)

250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 16 of 16 rounds):

1. Sebastien Tortelli (Kaw), France (563/7 wins)
2. Stefan Everts (Hon), Belgium (555/8 wins)
3. Pit Beirer (Hon), Germany (402/1 win)
4. Frederic Bolley (Hon), France (379)
5. Marnicq Bervoets (Suz), Belgium (288)
6. Tallon Vohland (Yam), Sacramento, CA (275)
7. Jocke Karlsson (Hon), Sweden (245)
8. Mickael Maschio (Yam), France (213)
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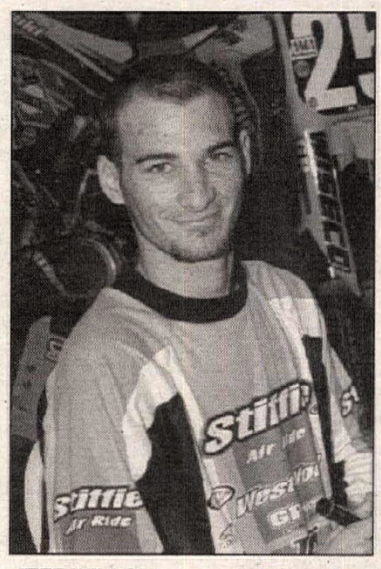


JEFF WILLOH

125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 11 of 11 rounds):

1. Alessio Chiodi (Hus), Italy (345/6 wins)
2. David Vuillemin (Yam), France (310/4 wins)
3. Alessandro Puzar (TM), Italy (246/1 win)
4. Claudio Federici (Yam), Italy (217)
5. Luigi Seguy (Hon), France (146)
6. Brian Jorgensen (Suz), Denmark (144)
7. Carl Nunn (Yam), England (141)
8. Alessandro Belometti (Yam), Italy (126)
9. James Dobb (Hon), England (124)
10. Philippe Dupasquier (TM), France (123)

AMA/MAZDA 250cc NATIONAL C'SHIP MX SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (493/5 wins)
2. Greg Albertyn (Suz), South Africa (430)
3. Mike LaRocco (Hon), South Bend, IN (390)
4. Mickael Pichon (Suz), France (384/1 win)
5. Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA (353/4 wins)
6. Ezra Lusk (Hon), Bainbridge, GA (329/1 win)
   Larry Ward (Suz), Florence, SC (329)
8. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (243)
9. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw), Canada (181)
10. Ryan Hughes (Kaw), Temecula, CA (174)

AMA/MAZDA 125cc NATIONAL C'SHIP MX SERIES
(After 12 of 12 rounds):

1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (525/8 wins)
2. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (477/2 wins)
3. Casey Johnson (Kaw), Murrieta, CA (407)
4. Robbie Reynard (Suz), Norman, OK (371/1 win)
5. Mike Brown (Hon), Piney Flats, TN (356)
6. Jimmy Button (Yam), Scottsdale, AZ (329)
7. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (246)
8. Tim Ferry (Yam), Largo, FL (244)
9. Nicholas Wey (Kaw), Dewitt, MI (238)
10. Nathan Ramsey (Kaw), Hixon, TN (204)

TOYOTA/PARTS UNLIMITED AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 16 of 16 rounds):

1. Jeremy McGrath (Yam), Canyon Lake, CA (322/7 wins)
2. Ezra Lusk (Hon), Bainbridge, GA (271/4 wins)
3. Larry Ward (Suz), Florence, SC (240/1 win)
4. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (238/2 wins)
5. Mike LaRocco (Hon), South Bend, IN (230)
6. Mickael Pichon (Suz), France (216)
7. Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (213)
8. Jimmy Button (Yam), Scottsdale, AZ (175)
9. Mike Craig (Hon), Lakeside, CA (174)
10. Ryan Hughes (Kaw), Temecula, CA (159)

AMA EASTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 8 of 8 rounds):

1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (200/8 wins)
2. Robbie Reynard (Suz), Norman, OK (143)
3. Brock Sellards (Hon), New Philadelphia, OH (133)
4. Casey Lytle (Hon), Santa Clarita, CA (114)
5. Shae Bentley (Kaw), Ellenwood, GA (86)
6. Tony Lorusso (Suz), East Hartford, CT (78)
7. James Povolny Jr. (KTM), Mendota Heights, MN (70)
8. Jim Neese (KTM), Greensboro, NC (69)
9. Robbie Skaggs (Yam), Lawrence, KS (66)
10. Corey Keeney (Yam), Oakdale, MN (63)

AMA WESTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES
(After 7 of 7 rounds):

1. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (159/3 wins)
2. David Vuillemin (Yam), France (147/3 wins)
3. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (145/1 win)
4. Nathan Ramsey (Kaw), Hixon, TX (111)
5. David Pingree (Hon), Menifee, CA (93)
6. Greg Schnell (Yam), Rancho Cucamonga, CA (84)
7. Michael Brandes (Suz), Quail Valley, CA (72)
   Jason McCormick (Hon), Vancouver, WA (72)
9. Travis Preston (Suz), Hesperia, CA (68)
10. Jeff Willoh (Suz), Glendale, CA (67)

JAY SPRINGSTEEN

DIRT TRACK

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(After 19 of 19 rounds):

1. Scott Parker (H-D), Swartz Creek, MI (296/7 wins)
2. Chris Carr (H-D), Fleetwood, PA (294/3 wins)
3. Rich King (Hon), Dysart, IA (282/2 wins)
4. Will Davis (H-D), Goldsboro, NC (260/4 wins)
5. Steve Morehead (H-D), Findlay, OH (182/1 win)
6. Kevin Varnes (H-D), Pottstown, PA (164)
7. Joe Kopp (H-D), Mica, WA (161)
8. Jay Springsteen (H-D), Lapeer, MI (154)
9. Bryan Bigelow (H-D), Au Gres, MI (140)
10. Dan Butler (H-D), Waterford, MI (129)

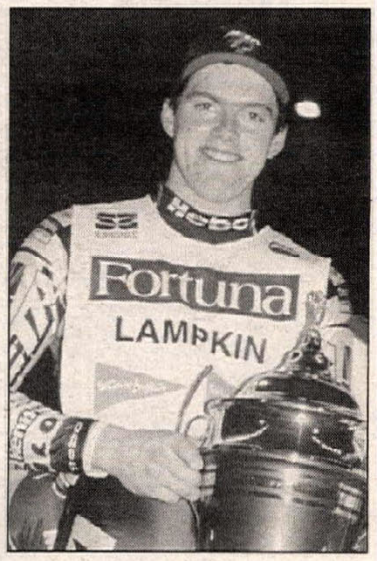
H-D SPORTSTER PERFORMANCE SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Jess Roeder, Monroeville, OH (210/5 wins)
2. Shaun Russell, San Jose, CA (178/1 win)
3. Gary Rogers, San Jose, CA (166)
4. Scott Stump, Langhorne, PA (142)
5. Brian Kromroy, Madison, WI (125)
6. Billy Martin, Stockton, CA (119)
7. Mike Hacker, Prince George, WA (99/2 wins)
8. Davey Camlin, Rock Island, IL (91/2 wins)
   Willie McCoy, Richardson, TX (91)
10. Tim Eades, Petersburg, VA (76)

OFF-ROAD

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE & HOUND SERIES
(After 6 of 7 rounds):

1. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (128/2 wins)
2. Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, AZ (102/1 win)
3. Donnie Book (Yam), Gypsum, CO (87/1 win)
4. Dave Ondas (Kaw), Trabuco Canyon, CA (82)
5. Brian Brown (Kaw), Nampa, ID (73/1 win)
6. Nick Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (71)
7. Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (66)
8. Steve Hengeveld (Kaw), Oak Hills, CA (63)
9. Paul Krause (Kaw), Irvine, CA (59)
10. Oakley Lehman (Kaw), Sunland, CA (54)



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AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE SCRAMBLES SERIES
(After 8 of 9 rounds):

1. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (188/5 wins)
2. Brian Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (157/1 win)
3. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (121)
4. Mike Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (95)
5. Fred Andrews (Kaw), Salem, OH (55/1 win)
   Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (55)
   Blair Bersano (Kaw), Pinconning, MI (55)
8. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (43)
9. Scott Summers (Hon), Petersburg, KY (42)
10. Josh McLevy (Hon), Fairfield, CT (40)

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SERIES
(After 13 of 13 rounds):

1. Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (159/7 wins)
2. Steve Hatch (Suz), Ithaca, NY (153/2 wins)
3. Fred Andrews (Kaw), Salem, OH (150/2 wins)
4. Scott Summers (Hon), Petersburg, KY (141/2 wins)
5. Paul Edmondson (Suz), Corona, CA (138)
6. Barry Hawk Jr. (Yam), Uniontown, PA (121)
7. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (119)
8. Mike Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (113)
9. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg,WV (101)
10. Josh McLevy (Hon), Fairfield, CT (100)

AMA ACERBIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURO SERIES
(After 10 of 10 rounds):

1. Mike Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (230/6 wins)
2. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (130/1 win)
3. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CO (123)
4. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (117/1 win)
   Matt Stavish (Hon), Blaine, MN (117)
6. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (81/2 wins)
7. Jason Dahners (Hbg), Redmond, WA (70)
8. Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, Arizona (54)
9 Fred Hoess (Suz), Stanhope, NJ (50)
10. Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (46)

AMA/NATC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS SERIES
(After 11 of 11 rounds):

1. Geoff Aaron (Bet), Alpine, CA (276/6 wins)
2. Ryon Bell (Mon), Canada (239/1 win)
3. Raymond Peters (G-G), Beaver Dams, NY (228/1 win)
4. Jess Kempkes (G-G), Lincoln, NE (162/3 wins)
5. Dennis Sweeten (Mon), Oregon City, OR (159)
6. Matt Moore (Mon), Sapulpa, OK (148)
7. Chris Bardell (G-G), Millerstown, PA (129)
8. Travis Fox (G-G), Montoursville, PA (127)
9. Brian Capper (G-G), Ansonia, CT (126)
10. Michael Bryant (Bet), Burlington, CT (121)

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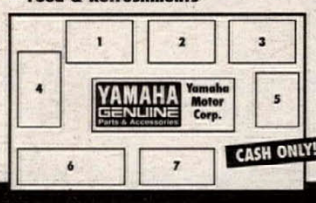

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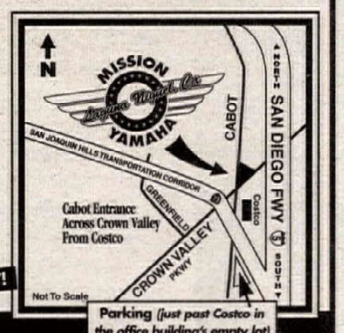

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FIM World Championship Road Racing Series
4/18 Sepang, Malaysia, Rnd 1
4/25 Motegi, Japan, Rnd 2
5/9 Jerez, Spain, Rnd 3
5/23 Paul Ricard, France, Rnd 4
6/6 Mugello, Italy, Rnd 5
6/20 Catalunya, Spain, Rnd 6
6/26 Assen, Holland, Rnd 7
7/4 Donington, England, Rnd 8
7/18 Sachsenring, Germany, Rnd 9
TBA TBA, Rnd 10
8/22 Brno, Czech Republic, Rnd 11
9/5 San Marino, Rnd 12
9/19 Valencia, Spain, Rnd 13
10/3 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 14
10/10 Welkom, South Africa, Rnd 15
10/24 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rnd 16
10/31 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rnd 17
Info: 011/41-22-950-9500

FIM World Superbike Series
3/28 Kyalami, South Africa, Rnd 1
4/18 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 2
5/2 Donington, England, Rnd 3
5/16 Albacete, Spain, Rnd 4
5/30 Monza, Italy, Rnd 5
6/13 Nurburgring, Germany, Rnd 6
6/27 San Marino, Rnd 7
7/11 Monterey, CA, Rnd 8
8/1 Brands Hatch, England, Rnd 9
8/29 A-1 Ring, Austria, Rnd 10
9/5 Assen, Holland, Rnd 11
9/26 TBA, Rnd 12
10/10 Sugo, Japan, Rnd 13
Info: 011/41-22-950-9500

FIM 500cc World Championship Motocross Series
4/11 Castinau-de-Levis, France, Rnd 1
4/18 Osuna, Spain, Rnd 2
5/2 Schwanenstadt, Austria, Rnd 3
5/16 Arco di Trento, Italy, Rnd 4
5/30 Loket, Czech Republic, Rnd 5
6/13 Velke Uherce, Slovakia, Rnd 6
7/11 Hawkstone Park, England, Rnd 7
7/18 Teutschenthal, Germany, Rnd 8
8/1 Namur, Belgium, Rnd 9
8/8 Folkendange, Luxembourg, Rnd 10
8/22 Uddevalla, Sweden, Rnd 11
8/29 Kouvola, Finland, Rnd 12
9/5 Lierop, Holland, Rnd 13

FIM 250cc World Championship Motocross Series
3/21 Talavera de la Reina, Spain, Rnd 1
3/28 Megalopolis, Greece, Rnd 2
4/11 Valkenswaard, Holland, Rnd 3
4/18 Ernee, France, Rnd 4
5/2 Maracay, Venezuela, Rnd 5
5/16 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 6
5/30 Foxhill, England, Rnd 7
6/13 Maggiora, Italy, Rnd 8
6/20 St. Jean d'Angely, Europe, Rnd 9
6/27 Kester, Belgium, Rnd 10
7/11 Bramont, Canada, Rnd 11
8/1 Gdynia, Poland, Rnd 12
8/8 Folkendange, Luxembourg, Rnd 13
8/22 Nismes, Belgium, Rnd 14
8/29 Gaildorf, Germany, Rnd 15
9/12 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 16

FIM 125cc World Championship Motocross Series
3/14 Verneuil si Avre, France, Rnd 1
3/28 Cingoli, Italy, Rnd 2
4/11 Indaiatuba, Brazil, Rnd 3
5/2 Bellpuig, Spain, Rnd 4
5/16 Mill, Holland, Rnd 5
5/30 Foxhill, England, Rnd 6
6/13 Agueda, Portugal, Rnd 7
6/20 Borgo Maggiore, San Marino, Rnd 8
7/11 Launsdorf, Austria, Rnd 9
7/18 Orahova Vas, Slovakia, Rnd 10
8/8 Roggenburg, Switzerland, Rnd 11
8/22 Bielstein, Germany, Rnd 12
8/29 Jastrebarsko, Croatia, Rnd 13

FIM Motocross des Nations
9/26 Indaiatuba, Brazil

FIM World Individual Speedway Championship Grand Prix Series
5/8 Prague, Czech Republic, Rnd 1
6/4 Linkoping, Sweden, Rnd 2
7/3 Wroclaw, Poland, Rnd 3
7/31 Coventry, England, Rnd 4
8/28 Bydgoszcz, Poland, Rnd 5
9/25 Vojens, Denmark, Rnd 6
7/18 Poole, Great Britain (Intercontinental Final)
7/25 Wroclaw, Poland (Continental Final)
10/10 Lonigo, Italy (Grand Prix Challenge)

AMA MBNA Superbike Series
3/3-7 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 1
3/19-21 Phoenix, AZ, Rnd 2
4/16-18 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 3
4/23-25 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 4
4/30-5/2 Monterey, CA, Rnd 5
6/4-6 Braselton, GA, Rnds 6 & 7
6/11-13 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 8
6/18-20 Loudon, NH, Rnd 9
7/16-18 Lexington, OH, Rnd 10
7/30-8/1 Brainerd, MN, Rnd 11
9/17-19 Fountain, CO, Rnd 12
10/1-3 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 13
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Grand National Dirt Track Series
3/6 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 1
5/8 Hagerstown, MD, Rnd 2
5/15 Woodstock, GA, Rnd 3
5/22 Harrington, DE, Rnd 4
5/30 Springfield, IL, Rnd 5
6/12 TBA, Rnd 6
6/19 Mineralwells, WV, Rnd 7
6/26 Lima, OH, Rnd 8
7/3 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 9
7/10 Joliet, IL, Rnd 10
7/17 Oklahoma City, OK, Rnd 11
7/24 Du Quoin, IL, Rnd 12
7/31 Rossburg, OH, Rnd 13
8/7 Lake Odessa, MI, Rnd 14
8/11 Rapid City, SD, Rnd 15
8/15 Peoria, IL, Rnd 16
8/21 Hagerstown, MD, Rnd 17
8/28 Sedalia, MO, Rnd 18
9/5 Springfield, IL, Rnd 19
9/11 Dallas, TX, Rnd 20
9/18 TBA, Rnd 21
9/25 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 22
10/2 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 23
10/10 Del Mar, CA, Rnd 24
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Toyota Trucks U.S. Supercross Series
1/9 Anaheim, CA, Rnd 1
1/16 San Diego, CA, Rnd 2
1/23 Phoenix, AZ, Rnd 3
1/30 Seattle, WA, Rnd 4
2/6 Anaheim, CA, Rnd 5
2/13 Tampa, FL, Rnd 6
2/20 Atlanta, GA, Rnd 7
2/27 Dallas, TX, Rnd 8
3/6 Daytona Beach, FL, Rnd 9
3/13 Houston, TX, Rnd 10
3/20 Minneapolis, MN, Rnd 11
3/27 St. Louis, MO, Rnd 12
4/10 Pontiac, MI, Rnd 13
4/17 New Orleans, LA, Rnd 14
4/24 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 15
5/1 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 16
Info: 630/566-6100

AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series
1/1-3 Fort Worth, TX, Rnd 6
1/8-10 Uniondale, NY, Rnd 7
1/15-17 Hampton, VA, Rnd 8
1/22-24 Baltimore, MD, Rnd 9
1/29-31 Niagara Falls, NY, Rnd 10
2/5-7 Winston-Salem, NC, Rnd 11
2/12-14 Guthrie, OK, Rnd 12
2/19-21 Denver, CO, Rnd 13
2/26-28 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 14
3/5-7 Portland, OR, Rnd 15
3/19-21 San Jose, CA, Rnd 16
3/26-28 Salt Lake City, UT, Rnd 17
Info: 630/566-6100

AMA Mazda Trucks National Motocross Series
5/9 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 1
5/16 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 2
5/30 Mount Morris, PA, Rnd 3
6/13 Southwick, MA, Rnd 4
6/20 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 5
7/4 Buchanan, MI, Rnd 6
7/18 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 7
7/25 Troy, OH, Rnd 8
8/1 Washougal, WA, Rnd 9
8/15 Millville, MN, Rnd 10
8/29 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 11
9/5 Delmont, PA, Rnd 12
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Acerbis National Enduro Series
2/14 Coalinga, CA, Rnd 1
2/21 Lake Pleasant, AZ, Rnd 2
3/27 Forest Hill, LA, Rnd 3*
3/28 Forest Hill, LA, Rnd 4*
5/16 Wellston, OH, Rnd 5
5/29 McArthur, OH, Rnd 6*
6/5 Idaho City, ID, Rnd 7*
6/6 Idaho City, ID, Rnd 8*
6/19 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 9*
6/20 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 10*
7/25 Akeley, MN, Rnd 11
8/22 Indian River, MI, Rnd 12
9/26 New Waverly, TX, Rnd 13
10/31 Delaware City, DE, Rnd 14
*Indicates ISDE Qualifier
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA National Hare & Hound Series
1/24 Lucerne Valley, CA, Rnd 1
3/14 Lucerne Valley, CA, Rnd 2
3/27 Murphy, ID, Rnd 3
4/10 Jericho, UT, Rnd 4
4/25 Johnson Valley, CA, Rnd 5
6/26 TBA/Nevada, Rnd 6
10/24 Lucerne Valley, CA, Rnd 7
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA National Hare Scrambles Series
2/7 Hollister, CA, Rnd 1
2/21 Wilseyville, CA, Rnd 2
4/11 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 3
4/18 Redding, CA, Rnd 4
6/27 Ottawa, IL, Rnd 5
7/4 Chelsea, VT, Rnd 6
7/18 Kahoka, MO, Rnd 7
8/29 Millfield, OH, Rnd 8
10/3 Lynnville, IN, Rnd 9
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA/District 37 Dual Sport Ride Series
12/27 Cantil, CA
1/23-24 Ridgecrest, CA
2/6 Julian, CA
2/14 San Luis Obispo, CA
2/27-28 Laughlin, NV
3/13-14 Death Valley, CA
3/21 San Bernardino, CA
4/18 Cantil, CA
5/1-2 Newhall, CA
5/16 Mojave, CA
6/26-27 Bass Lake, CA
7/24-25 Sequoia N F, CA
7/31-8/1 Mammoth Lakes, CA
8/14-15 Big Bear Lake, CA
9/25-26 Ridgecrest, CA
9/11-12 Bass Lake, CA
10/3 Silverwood Lake, CA
10/16-17 Mesquite, NV
11/6-7 Ridgecrest, CA
11/14 San Bernardino, CA
* National Trail Ride Series Events
Info: 818/249-2141 (3,1)

Team Dual Dogs/KTM/Galpin Ford California Dual Sport Series
1/2-3 Mojave, CA
Info: 818/701-1913

AMA Mid-South Championship Winter Hare Scrambles Series
12/13 Jonesboro, IL
1/10 Maplesville, AL
2/7 New Johnsonville, TN
2/21 Van Leer, TN
3/14 Cadiz, KY
3/28 Charlotte, TN
Info: 615/859-0873

AMA Georgia Winter AM
1/10 Macon, GA, Rnd 1
1/17 Breman, GA, Rnd 2
1/24 Roberta, GA, Rnd 3
1/31 Reynolds, GA, Rnd 4
2/7 Dalton, GA, Rnd 5
Info: 912/788-0413

PACE Ultracross Series
1/8-10 Grand Rapids, MI, Rnd 2
2/5-7 Monroe, LA, Rnd 3
2/19-21 Milwaukee, WI, Rnd 4
2/26-28 Nampa, ID, Rnd 5
3/12-14 Memphis, TN, Rnd 6
3/19-21 Chattanooga, TN, Rnd 7
Info: 817/246-7400

SERA Hare Scrambles Series
1/3 Saucier, MS
1/10 Maplesville, AL
2/7 Birmingham, AL
Info: 504/665-0313

AHRMA/Progressive Suspension Historic Cup Road Race Series
2/26 Deland, FL
3/1-2 Daytona Beach, FL
4/10-11 Rosamond, CA
4/17-18 Sonoma, CA
6/5-6 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/19-20 Grattan, MI
7/10-11 Lexington, OH
8/14-15 South Haven, MI
9/18 Park City, UT
10/2-3 Talladega, AL
10/29-30 Braselton, GA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA/Speed & Sport Vintage MX Series
2/7 Phoenix, AZ
2/27 Ocala, FL
4/4 Perris, CA
4/18 Sonoma, CA
5/15 Bremen, GA
5/22 Casey, IL
6/19 Grattan, MI
7/11 Lexington, OH
7/31 Colorado Springs, CO
8/14 Southwick, MA
8/22 Chehalis, WA
8/28 Thornville, OH

9/19	Park City, UT
9/25	Peoria, IL
10/17	Hollister, CA
11/7	Tulare, CA

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AHRMA/Classic Bike Magazine Dirt Track Series

2/28	Ocala, FL
3/2	Daytona Beach, FL
3/4	Barberville, FL
4/9	Rosamond, CA
5/30	Port Royal, VA
7/4	Athens, OH
7/9	Ashland, OH
7/24	Weedsport, NY
TBA	Castle Rock, WA
9/10	Lavonia, GA
9/11	Savannah, GA
9/17	Heber, UT
9/24	Peoria, IL
9/26	Peoria, IL
10/9	Del Mar, CA

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AHRMA/Speed & Sport Vintage Trials Series

2/6	Phoenix, AZ
2/28	Ocala, FL
4/11	Rosamond, CA
4/17	Sonoma, CA
4/25	Collins, MO
5/16	Bremen, GA
5/23	Casey, IL
6/6	Santa Cruz, CA
6/20	Grattan, MI
7/10	Lexington, OH
8/1	Colorado Springs, CO
8/21	Chehalis, WA
9/16	Park City, UT
9/26	Peoria, IL
10/2	Dickson, TN
10/9	White City, IL
10/16	Hollister, CA
10/30	Monroe, GA

Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA/National GP Series

4/18	Budds Creek, MD
5/16	Bremen, GA
5/23	Casey, IL
8/29	Thornville, OH
10/10	White City, IL
11/19	Livermore, CA

Info: 715/842-9699

GFI 10 Year Anniversary Super Saturday Series

12/12	Perris, CA
12/19	Perris, CA

Info: 909/653-4042

GFI Winter Series

South

1/2-3	Las Vegas, NV
1/10	San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 1
1/17	Barona Oaks, CA, Rnd 2
1/24	San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 3
2/7	Corona, CA, Rnd 4
2/21	Adelanto, CA, Rnd 5

North

12/27	Turlock, CA, Rnd 1
1/17	Carnegie, CA, Rnd 2
1/24	Livermore, CA, Rnd 3
1/31	Turlock, CA, Rnd 4
2/7	Turlock, CA, Rnd 5

North-South Showdown

3/7	Las Vegas, NV

Info: 909/653-4042

NMA World Mini Grand Prix

4/7-11	Las Vegas, NV

Info: 562/868-8112

NMA Ponca City Grand National MX Championship

7/27-31	Ponca City, OK

Info: 562/868-8112

Branson USA MX Nationals

10/1-3	Branson, MO

Info: 909/657-6782

La Playa MX Grand Prix Series

3/1	Rosarito, BC, Mexico, Rnd 1
5/16	Rosarito, BC, Mexico, Rnd 2
8/22	Rosarito, BC, Mexico, Rnd 3
10/3	Rosarito, BC, Mexico, Rnd 4
12/5	Rosarito, BC, Mexico, Rnd 5

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Florida State Motocross Championship Series

12/13	Gainesville, FL, Rnd 5
12/20	Orlando, FL, Rnd 6
12/27	Ocala, FL, Rnd 7

Info: 352/732-6697

WERA Nat'l Endurance Series

4/17	Talladega, AL, Rnd 1
5/8	South Haven, MI, Rnd 2
5/29	Hampton, GA, Rnd 3
6/12	Faulkville, GA, Rnd 4
6/26	Clermont, IN, Rnd 5
7/31	Summit Point, WV, Rnd 6
8/14	Kershaw, SC, Rnd 7
9/4	Millington, TN, Rnd 8
9/19	College Station, TX, Rnd 9
9/25-26	Rosamond, CA, Rnd 10
TBA	Braselton, GA, Rnd 11

Info: 770/924-8404

WERA National Challenge Series

4/16-18	Talladega, AL, Rnd 1
5/7-9	South Haven, MI, Rnd 2
5/28-30	Hampton, GA, Rnd 3
6/11-13	Faulkville, GA, Rnd 4
6/24-27	Clermont, IN, Rnd 5
7/30-8/1	Summit Point, WV, Rnd 6
8/13-15	Kershaw, SC, Rnd 7
9/3-5	Millington, TN, Rnd 8
9/17-19	College Station, TX, Rnd 9

Info: 770/924-8404

WERA Vintage Series

3/13-14	Braselton, GA
3/20-21	College Station, TX
4/10-11	Henderson, TX
4/10-11	Summit Point, WV
4/24-25	Millington, TN
5/8-9	College Station, TX
5/15-16	Garrettsville, OH
5/22-23	Talladega, AL
5/22-23	Mount Meridian, IN
6/12-13	Grattan, MI
6/19-20	Summit Point, WV
6/24-27	Indianapolis, IN
6/26-27	Henderson, TX
7/10-11	Braselton, GA
7/17-18	College Station, TX
7/24-25	Kershaw, SC
7/24-25	Mount Meridian, IN
8/7-8	Faulkville, GA
8/7-8	South Haven, MI
8/14-15	Garrettsville, OH
8/21-22	Talladega, AL
8/21-22	Hallet, OK
8/28-29	Summit Point, WV
9/4-5	Garrettsville, OH
9/25-26	Mount Meridian, IN
TBA	Braselton, GA

Info: 770/924-8404

WERA Sportsman Series

North Central

4/24-25	Clermont, IN
5/7-9	South Haven, MI
5/22-23	Mount Meridian, IN
6/5-6	Madison, IL
6/12-13	Grattan, MI
6/24-27	Indianapolis, IN
7/10-11	Grattan, MI
7/24-25	Mount Meridian, IN
8/7-8	South Haven, MI
8/21-22	Mount Meridian, IN
9/4-5	Garrettsville, OH
9/25-26	Mount Meridian, IN

Northeast

3/13-14	Braselton, GA
4/10-11	Summit Point, WV
5/15-16	Garrettsville, OH
6/5-6	Garrettsville, OH
6/19-20	Summit Point, WV
6/24-27	Indianapolis, IN
7/24-25	Kershaw, SC
7/30-8/1	Summit Point, WV
8/14-15	Garrettsville, OH
8/28-29	Summit Point, WV
9/4-5	Garrettsville, OH

Mid-Central

2/20-21	Talladega, AL
4/24-25	Millington, TN
5/22-23	Talladega, AL
5/29-30	Hallett, OK
6/5-6	Madison, IL
6/24-27	Indianapolis, IN
7/10-11	Braselton, GA
8/21-22	Hallet, OK
9/3-5	Millington, TN
9/25-26	Mount Meridian, IN

South Central

2/20-21	Henderson, TX
3/20-21	College Station, TX
4/10-11	Henderson, TX
5/8-9	College Station, TX
5/29-30	Hallett, OK
6/24-27	Indianapolis, IN
6/26-27	Henderson, TX
7/17-18	College Station, TX
8/21-22	Hallett, OK
9/17-19	College Station, TX

Southeast

2/20-21	Talladega, AL
3/13-14	Braselton, GA
3/27-28	Faulkville, GA
4/16-18	Talladega, AL
4/24-25	Millington, TN
5/22-23	Talladega, AL
5/28-30	Hampton, GA
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9/18-19	Faulkville, GA

Info: 770/924-8404

CMRRA 50cc/125cc C'ship Road Race Series

12/13	Riverside CA
1/23-24	Rosamond, CA
2/14	Riverside, CA
3/6-7	Rosamond CA
4/4	Palomar, CA
5/2	Riverside CA
6/5-6	Rosamond CA
7/11	Palomar, CA
8/8	Riverside, CA
9/4-5	Rosamond, CA
10/3	Palomar, CA
11/6-7	Rosamond, CA
12/3-5	Rosamond, CA

Info: 909/674-5357

WSMC Road Race Series

12/19-20	Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12

Info: 805/256-1234

KORR Motocross Championship Series

12/13	Sterling, KS

Info: 316/942-6527

AMX North/South Shootout Series

1/10	Wittman, AZ, Rnd 1
1/17	Eloy, AZ, Rnd 2
1/31	Cottonwood, AZ, Rnd 3
2/7	Eloy, AZ, Rnd 4
2/21	Wittman, AZ, Rnd 5
2/28	Cottonwood, AZ, Rnd 6

Info: 520/743-7727

District 38/FRT Superstition Championship Series

12/31	Plaster City, CA

Info: 619/427-5759

Florida Winter Am Series

1/2-3	Gainesville, FL
1/10	Ocala, FL
1/17	Bradenton, FL
1/24	Reddick, FL
1/31	Dade City, FL

Info: 904/935-6872

American Trials Association

1/10	Romaland, CA
2/21	Corral Canyon, CA
3/7	Johnson Valley, CA
3/21	TBA
5/16	McCain Valley, CA
6/13-14	Big Bear, CA

Info: 714/562-7742

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* ALABAMA ARENACROSS - Dothan Arenacross Challenge, Rodeo Country Fairgrounds, Dothan. Info: 334/702-6683.

* MARYLAND SHORT TRACK - Baltimore County Trail Riders, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium. Info: 410/661-MOTO.

* NORTH CAROLINA ARENACROSS - AMA, Checkered Flag Productions, Crown Coliseum, Fayetteville. Info: 940/683-4742

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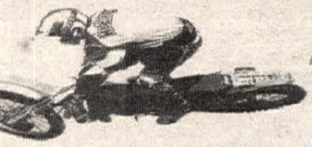

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12/12/98	7:00 AM	American Thunder - Eclectic	Speed
12/12/98	10:00 AM	Bike Week - Tour of Italy - Part 2	Speed
12/12/98	2:00 PM	FIM World GP 125 - Spanish Grand Prix (5/3/98)	Speed
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12/12/98	7:30 PM	American Thunder - Love Ride 14	Speed
12/13/98	2:00 PM	Canadian Motocross - Ulverton (8/9/98)	Speed
12/14/98	2:00 AM	MW2 Rev It Up (R)	ESPN2
12/15/98	3:00 AM	American Thunder - Daytona Bike Week '97	Speed
12/15/98	8:30 AM	American Thunder - Eclectic	Speed
12/15/98	10:00 AM	FIM World GP 125 - Italian Grand Prix (5/17/98)	Speed
12/15/98	11:00 AM	FIM World GP 250 - Italian Grand Prix (5/17/98)	Speed
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12/15/98	2:00 PM	AMA 750 Supersport - Road Atlanta (5/31/98)	Speed
12/15/98	6:30 PM	American Thunder - Love Ride 14	Speed
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12/15/98	11:00 PM	Bike Week - Tour of Italy - Part 3	Speed
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12/17/98	7:00 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2
12/19/98	6:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
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Dec 11-13

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Advanstar Expositions, San Mateo County Expo Center, San Mateo. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

Fri, Dec 11

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA, Henderson's Arena Complex, Jackson. Info: 740/756-1267.

Sat, Dec 12

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway, San Bernardino. Info: 619/484-1441.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Racing, GFI 10th anniversary Super Saturday Series, Rnd 4, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 909/653-4042.

CALIFORNIA INDOOR FLAT TRACK - Barn Burner Indoor Flat Track, Open Traction, San Jose. Info: 408/293-8921.

* CANADA ARENACROSS - Future West Sanctioned, Future West Promotions, Abbotsford Agrifair Arena, Abbotsford, BC. Info: 604/794-3824.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - Christmas Race, Inside Line Racing, Orlando Motocross Park, Orlando. Info: 407/568-2271.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Monroe Off-road Ranch, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

* MEXICO HARE SCRAMBLES - Los Ancianos MC, Tecate. Info: 619/281-1400.

MISSOURI SHORT TRACK - Wayne Campbell Promotions, Missouri State Fairgrounds Indoor Coliseum, Sedalia. Info: 800/208-9306.

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* OKLAHOMA SHORT TRACK - Arena Clash, MoBros Productions, AMA, Semi-Pro, Youth, Muskogee Fairgrounds, Rnd 3, Night Race, Muskogee. Info: 918/425-7327 or www.freeyellow.com/members5/arenaclash.

Sun, Dec 13

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Kilpatrick Motocross, Albertville. Info: 256/561-3495.

ALABAMA ARENACROSS - Ironman MX, Annual Toys for Tots Race, Warrior. Info: 602/647-9357 or 647-8194.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - CRC, Trophy Series, Merry Christmas GP, Los Angeles County Raceway, Palmdale. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - The Shop, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Agricultural Building, Ventura. Info: 805/650-6777.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA, Central California O'Neal Series, Madera. Info: 209/673-8080.

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CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMXR 1998 Carlsbad Motocross Series, Rnd 5, CMXR Christmas GP, Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 888/550-MOTO or www.carlsbadmx.com.

CALIFORNIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Dirt Diggers MC, District 37, AMA, Spangler ORV, Red Mountain. Info: 909/883-5259 or dirtdiggers@eee.org.

CALIFORNIA SUPER TT - Buttonwillow Super TT, Buttonwillow Raceway Park, Buttonwillow. Info: 805/764-5333 or www.supertt.com.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Over The Hill Gang, Gang only race, Glen Helen, San Bernardino. Info: 714/680-8643.

* COLORADO HARE SCRAMBLES - Valley Dirt Riders, Berthoud. Info: 303/477-5333 or 303/477-6979.

DELAWARE MOTOCROSS - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Hardrock Cycle Park Promotions, District 8 State Championship Series, Rnd 6, Gatorback Raceway, Gainesville. Info: 352/732-6697 or homepage.usr.com/h/hardrockcp

* ILLINOIS HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Hare Scrambles Series, Jonesboro. Info: 615/859-0873 or msws.org.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Las Vegas Motocross Club, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, gate one, Las Vegas. Info: 702/565-7876 or www.vegasmotocross.com.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - MX West, Nevada Old-Timers, Rnd 6, Fall Series, Fernley International Raceway, Fernley. Info: 702/423-8226 or jaja@oasisol.com.

* NEW YORK MUD AND SNOW SCRAMBLES - AMA, Square Deal Riders MC Club, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/723-2288 or 607/693-2634.

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* OHIO HARE SRAMBLES - Mansfield Motorcycle Club, CRA, Toys for Tots, Cookton Grange Road, Mansfield. Info: 419/774-1244.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Five Oaks Hare Scrambles, Soddy Daisy.

Dec 19-20

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACE - WSMC, Willow Springs International Raceway, Rnd 12, Rosamond. Info: 805/256-1234.

UTAH MOTOCROSS - Zion Motocross Association, STGMX, St. George Raceway. Info: 435/673-0368.

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GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Monroe Off-road Ranch, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - High Falls Supercross, High Falls. Info: 770/358-6111.

MISSOURI SHORT TRACK - Wayne Campbell Promotions, Missouri State Fairgrounds Indoor Coliseum, Sedalia. Info: 800/208-9306.

Sun, Dec 20

CALIFORNIA VINTAGE GRAND PRIX - AHRMA, Sand Hill Ranch, Brentwood. Info: 925/634-3328.

DELAWARE MOTOCROSS - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Hardrock Cycle Park Promotions, District 8 State Championship Series, Rnd 7, Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 352/732-6697 or homepage.usr.com/h/hardrockcp

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Five Oaks Hare Scrambles, Soddy Daisy.

* WEST VIRGINIA MUD & SNOW SCRAMBLES - Jacks Run Motor Sports, Ripley. Info: 304/372-2269.

Sat, Dec 26

OKLAHOMA SHORT TRACK - Arena Clash, Creek County Fairgrounds, Rnd 4, Night Race, Sapulpa. Info: 918/425-7327.

Sun, Dec 27

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA, District 37, USA Dual Sport Club, BLM Visitor Center, Cantil, Mojave. Info: 818/348-7237.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Hardrock Cycle Park Promotions, District 8 State Championship Series, Rnd 8, Hardrock Cycle Park, Ocala. Info: 352/732-6697 or http://homepage.usr.com/h/hardrockcp/.

* NEW YORK MUD & SNOW SCRAMBLES - AMA, Square Deal Riders MC Club, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/723-2288 or 607/693-2634.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge Supercross, Taylorsville. Info: 828/758-4342.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA, District 11, Honda Hills, Linnville. Info: 740/323-3766.

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* SOUTH CAROLINA ICE SPEEDWAY - ICE/WSRA, Bi-Lo Center, Greenville. Info: 970/748-1751 or www.speedwaybikes.com/ice.

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Five Oaks Hare Scrambles, Soddy Daisy.Jan 1-2

NORTH CAROLINA ARENACROSS - AMA, Victory Sports Racing, WNC Ag. Center, Asheville. Info: 423/323-5497 or www.victory-sports.com.

* TEXAS ICE SPEEDWAY - ICE/WSRA, El Paso County Coliseum, El Paso. Info: 970/845-6073 or www.speedwaybikes.com/ice.

Jan 1-3

TEXAS ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Will Rogers Coliseum, Fort Worth. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

WASHINGTON MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Advanstar Expositions, Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

Fri, Jan 1

CALIFORNIA HANGOVER MARATHON - Tom Anderson's 28th annual Hangover Marathon, Sand Hill Ranch, Brentwood. Info: 925/634-3328.

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - Lee's Honda Kawasaki, Shasta Dam OHV Park, Redding. Info: 800/542-9697.

Jan 2-3

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Team Dual Dogs, KTM, Galpin Ford California Dual Sport Series, Mojave. Info: 818/701-1913.

Sat, Jan 2

CALIFORNIA INDOOR FLAT TRACK - Barn Burner Indoor Flat Track, Open Traction, San Jose. Info: 408/293-8921.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Monroe Off-road Ranch, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - High Falls Supercross, High Falls. Info: 770/358-6111.

Sun, Jan 3

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - MX Series, Rnd 1, Tulare Cycle Park, Tulare. Info: 209/685-0503.

GEORGIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Cherokee Hare Scrambles, Greensboro. Info: 706/453-4132.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Monroe Off-road Ranch, Monroe. Info: 770/267-7978.

MARYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - Maryland Competition Riders, Antietam MC, Hagerstown. Info: 410/922-0334 or 410/781-7521.

* NEW YORK MUD & SNOW SCRAMBLES - AMA, Square Deal Riders MC Club, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/723-2288 or 607/693-2634.

* NEW YORK ICE RACE - Tri-State Motorcycle Club, AMA, Lembo Lake Park Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

TEXAS MOTORCYCLE EXPO - The 11th annual Original Motorcycle Expo, Show, Swap Meet, Texas Convention Center, Arlington. Info: 972/216-5520.

Jan 8-9

* IOWA INDOOR FLAT TRACK - Checkered Flag Productions, 5 Seasons Center, Cedar Rapids. Info: 940/683-4742.

* TEXAS ICE SPEEDWAY - ICE/WSRA, Bell County Exposition Center, Belton. Info: 970/845-6073 or www.speedwaybikes.com/ice.

Jan 8-10

NEW YORK ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. Info: 817/246-7400 or wwwv.arenacross.com.

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* UTAH ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions, Winter Arenacross Series, Salt Lake City. Info: 940/683-4742.

* WEST VIRGINIA ARENACROSS - AMA, Action Sports Promotions, Huntington Civic Arena, Huntington. Info: 740/594-6686 or www.actionsportsracing.com.

Fri, Jan 8

CALIFORNIA INDOOR MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - Inter-Shows Motorsport Promotions Inc., Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 949/582-2371.

Jan 9-10

ALABAMA ARENACROSS - 6th annual, Shelby County Exhibition Center, Columbiana. Info: 602/647-9357.

FLORIDA HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA, FTR Palm Beach Track & Trail Riders, River Ranch. Info: 561/832-8161 or 561/969-3247.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA, Marion Fairgrounds Coliseum, Marion. Info: 740/756-1267.

Sat, Jan 9

CALIFORNIA INDOOR FLAT TRACK - Barn Burner Indoor Flat Track, Open Traction, San Jose. Info: 408/293-8921.

Sun, Jan 10

ALABAMA HARE SCRAMBLES - South Winter Series, SERA, SETRA, Perry Mountain Hare Scrambles, Maplesville. Info: 334/872-0619 or 872-4286.

CALIFORNIA TRIALS - American Trials Association, Championship Series, Romaland. Info: 909/860-1857.

* COLORADO HARE SCRAMBLES - Valley Dirt Riders, Berthoud. Info: 303/477-5333 or 303/477-6979.

DELAWARE MOTOCROSS - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Georgia Winter Series, Eecheconnee, Macon. Info: 912/788-0413.

* NEW YORK ICE RACE - Tri-State Motorcycle Club/AMA, Lembo Lake Park, Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge Supercross, Taylorsville. Info: 828/758-4342.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTORCYCLE EXPO - J&P Promotions, 2nd annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, east wing of Memorial Hall, York Fairgrounds, York. Info: 319/462-6011.

TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Victory Sports Racing, Hickory Creek Hare Scrambles, Knoxville. Info: 423/323-5497 or www.victory-sports.com.

Jan 15-16

* LOUISIANA ICE SPEEDWAY - ICE/WSRA, Rapides Coliseum, Alexandria. Info: 970/845-6073 or www.speedwaybikes.com/ice.

Jan 15-17

NEW YORK MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Advanstar Expositions, Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

* OHIO ARENACROSS - AMA, Action Sports Promotions, Toledo Sports Arena, Toledo. Info: 740/594-6686 or www.actionsportsracing.com.

TEXAS ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions, Winter Arenacross Series, Wichita Falls. Info: 940/683-4742.

VIRGINIA ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Hampton Coliseum, Hampton. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

Sat, Jan 16

* CANADA ARENACROSS - Future West Sanctioned, Future West Promotions, Abbotsford Agrifair Arena, Abbotsford, BC. Info: 604/794-3824.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - High Falls Supercross, High Falls. Info: 770/358-6111.

OKLAHOMA SHORT TRACK - Mid-South Racing Productions, Creek County Fairground, Night Race, Sapulpa. Info: 918/425-7327.

Sun, Jan 17

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - AMX North/South Shootout Series, Yamaha Contingency, Go Huge Racing Promotions, Ocotillo Raceway, Eloy. Info: 520/743-7727 or www.gohuge.com.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - MX Series, Rnd 2, Tulare Cycle Park, Tulare. Info: 209/685-0503.

DELAWARE MOTOCROSS - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Georgia Winter Series, Hillbilly Hills MX, Roberta. Info: 912/788-0413.

MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLE EXPO - J&P Promotions, 2nd annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, Centrum Center, Worcester. Info: 319/462-6011.

* NEW YORK MUD & SNOW SCRAMBLES - AMA, Square Deal Riders MC Club, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/723-2288 or 607/693-2634.

* NEW YORK ICE RACE - Tri-State Motorcycle Club, AMA, Lembo Lake Park, Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

SOUTH CAROLINA ENDURO - Swamp Fox Enduro, Charleston. Info: 803/795-0299.

Jan 22-23

MISSOURI ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions, Winter Arenacross Series, Cape Girardeau. Info: 940/683-4742.

TENNESSEE ARENACROSS - AMA, Victory Sports Racing, Calsonic Arena, Shelbyville. Info: 423/323-5497 or www.victory-sports.com.

Jan 22-24

MARYLAND ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Baltimore Arena, Baltimore. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

Jan 22

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA, Marion Fairgrounds Coliseum, Marion. Info: 740/756-1267.

Jan 23-24

IOWA MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Midwest Motorcycle Show, CH Promotions, Sioux City Convention Center, Sioux City. Info: 712/262-8910.

Sat, Jan 23

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA, Marion Fairgrounds Coliseum, Marion. Info: 740/756-1267.

Sun, Jan 24

DELAWARE MOTOCROSS - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

GEORGIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Perry Hare Scrambles, Perry.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Georgia Winter Series, Rnd 3, Breman MX, Breman. Info: 912/788-0413.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 7, Budds Creek Motocross Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/994-9555 or www.buddscreek.com.

* NEW YORK ICE RACE - Tri-State Motorcycle Club, AMA, Lembo Lake Park, Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge Supercross, Taylorsville. Info: 828/758-4342.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - AMA, Marion Fairgrounds Coliseum, Marion. Info: 740/756-1267.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

WISCONSIN ICE RACE - AMA, SSTS Charity race for Steel Shoe Fund, Gimmer's Sunset Tavern, Lake Koshkonong's North Shore, Fort Atkinson. Info: 414/353-5920.

Jan 29-30

NEBRASKA ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions, Winter Arenacross Series, Kearney. Info: 940/683-4742.

NORTH CAROLINA ARENACROSS - AMA, Victory Sports Racing, Bob Martin Ag. Center, Williamston. Info: 423/323-5497 or www.victory-sports.com.

Jan 29-31

* KENTUCKY ARENACROSS - AMA, Action Sports Promotions, Broadbent Arena, Kentucky State Fairgrounds, Louisville. Info: 740/594-6686 or www.actionsportsracing.com.

NEW YORK ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

OHIO MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Advanstar Expositions, IX Center, Cleveland. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

Fri, Jan 29

* NORTH CAROLINA ICE SPEEDWAY - ICE/WSRA, Cumberland County Coliseum, Fayetteville. Info: 970/845-6073 or www.speedwaybikes.com/ice.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - Patriot Promotions, CRA, Summit County Fairgrounds, Akron. Info: 330/948-4613 or 330/948-4517.

Sat, Jan 30

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - High Falls Supercross, High Falls. Info: 770/358-6111.

* NORTH CAROLINA ICE SPEEDWAY - ICE/WSRA, Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro. Info: 970/845-6073 or www.speedwaybikes.com/ice.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - Patriot Promotions, CRA, Summit County Fairgrounds, Akron. Info: 330/948-4613 or 330/948-4517.

OKLAHOMA SHORT TRACK - Mid-South Racing Productions and Budweiser, Indoor Racing, Muskogee Fairground, Muskogee. Info: 918/425-7327.

Sun, Jan 31

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - MX Series, Rnd 3, Tulare Cycle Park, Tulare. Info: 209/685-0503.

DELAWARE MOTOCROSS - Delaware Motorsports, Seaford Speedway, Seaford. Info: 302/422-8661.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Georgia Winter Series, Silver Dollar MX, Reynolds. Info: 912/788-0413.

ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE EXPO - J&P Promotions, 13th annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, Bell-Claire County Fairgrounds, Belleville. Info: 319/462-6011.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 7, Budds Creek Motocross Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/994-9555 or www.buddscreek.com.

* NEW YORK MUD & SNOW SCRAMBLES - AMA Square Deal Riders MC Club, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/722-6195 or 607/693-2634.

* NEW YORK ICE RACE - Tri-State Motorcycle Club, AMA Lembo Lake Park, Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

* OHIO INDOOR MOTOCROSS - Patriot Promotions, CRA, Summit County Fairgrounds, Akron. Info: 330/948-4613 or 330/948-4517.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

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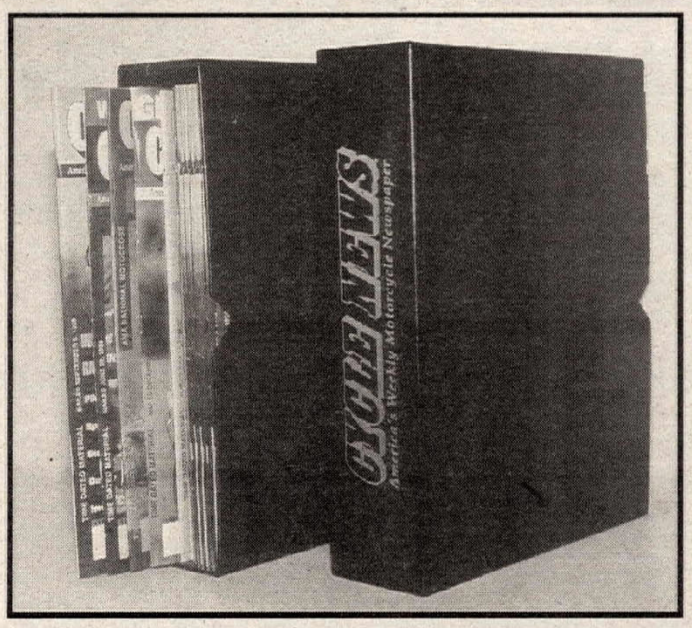

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Feb 5-6

MISSISSIPPI ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions Winter Arenacross Series, Tupelo. Info: 940/683-4742.

TENNESSEE ARENACROSS - AMA, Victory Sports Racing, Walters State Arena, Morristown. Info: 423/323-5497 or www.victory-sports.com.

Feb 5-7

ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - International Motorcycle Shows, Rosemont Convention Center, Rosemont. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

* LOUISIANA ULTRACROSS - Pace Motor Sports, PJ1 Ultracross Series, Louisiana Civic Center, Monroe. Info: 817/246-7400.

NORTH CAROLINA ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, LJVM Coliseum, Winston-Salem. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

Sat, Feb 6

* CANADA ARENACROSS - Future West Sanctioned, Future West Promotions, Abbotsford Agrifair Arena, Abbotsford, BC Info: 604/794-3824.

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - High Falls SX, High Falls. Info: 770/358-6111.

Sat, Feb 7

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Georgia Winter Series, Lazy River MX, Dalton. Info: 912/788-0413.

ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE EXPO - J&P Promotions, 18th annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone. Info: 319/462-6011.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 7, Budds Creek Motocross Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/994-9555 or www.buddscreek.com.

MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLE EXPO - J&P Promotions, 6th annual Indoor Bike Show and Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, Bayside Expo Center, Boston. Info: 319/462-6011.

* NEW YORK ICE RACE - Tri-State Motorcycle Club, AMA, Lembo Lake Park, Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

NEW YORK MUD & SNOW SCRAMBLES - AMA, Square Deal Riders MC Club, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/722-6195 or 607/693-2634.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge SX, Taylorsville. Info: 828/758-4342.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

* TENNESSEE HARE SCRAMBLES - Mid-South Hare Scrambles Series, New Johnsonville. Info: 615/859-0873 or msws.org.

Feb 12-13

NORTH CAROLINA ARENACROSS - AMA, Victory Sports Racing, WNC Ag. Center, Asheville. Info: 423/323-5497 or www.victory-sports.com.

WYOMING ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions Winter Arenacross Series, Casper. Info: 940/683-4742.

Feb 12-14

MINNESOTA MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

OKLAHOMA ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Lazy E Arena, Guthrie. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

Feb 13-14

IOWA CUSTOM CYCLE SHOW - Capitol City Custom Cycle Show, CH Promotions, Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines. Info: 712/262-8910.

Sat, Feb 13

OKLAHOMA SHORT TRACK - Mid South Racing Productions and Budweiser, Arenaclash Night Race, Muskogee Fairground, Round Arena, Muskogee. Info: 918/425-7327.

Sun, Feb 14

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 7, Budds Creek Motocross Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/994-9555 or www.buddscreek.com.

* OKLAHOMA MOTOCROSS - Pro-Am Sports Inc., Motorcycle Raceway, Oklahoma City. Info: 405/737-2468.

SOUTH CAROLINA HARE SCRAMBLES - Long Cane Hare Scrambles, Mount Carmel. Info: 706/860-2308.

Feb 19-21

COLORADO ARENACROSS - AMA PJ1 National Arenacross Series, PACE Motor Sports, Denver Coliseum, Denver. Info: 817/246-7400 or www.arenacross.com.

GEORGIA MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Cycle World International Motorcycle Show, Georgia International Convention Center, Atlanta. Info: 800/331-5706 or www.motorcycleshows.com.

* PENNSYLVANIA ARENACROSS AND SHORT TRACK - AMA, Armin Hostetter Trailway Speedway & Motorama Association, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg. Info: 717/359-4310 or www.trail-wayspeedway.com.

WASHINGTON ARENACROSS - Checkered Flag Productions Winter Arenacross Series, Pasco. Info: 940/683-4742.

* WISCONSIN ULTRACROSS - Pace Motor Sports, PJ1 Ultracross Series, Wisconsin Center Arena, Milwaukee. Info: 817/246-7400.

Feb 20-21

FLORIDA HARE SCRAMBLES - Southwest Florida Trail Riders Inc., Clewiston. Info: 941/629-2379.

Sat, Feb 20

GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - High Falls SX, High Falls. Info: 770/358-6111.

Sun, Feb 21

CALIFORNIA TRIALS - Corral Canyon Rd, ATA Championship Series, SDTR. Info: 619/443-9678.

IOWA MOTORCYCLE EXPO - J&P Promotions, 19th annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, Downtown River Center, Davenport. Info: 319/462-6011.

* MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - AMA, District 7, Budds Creek Motocross Park, Budds Creek. Info: 301/994-9555 or www.buddscreek.com.

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SOUTH CAROLINA HARE SCRAMBLES - Sumter Hare Scrambles, Sumter. Info: 803/558-3031.

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Feb 26-27

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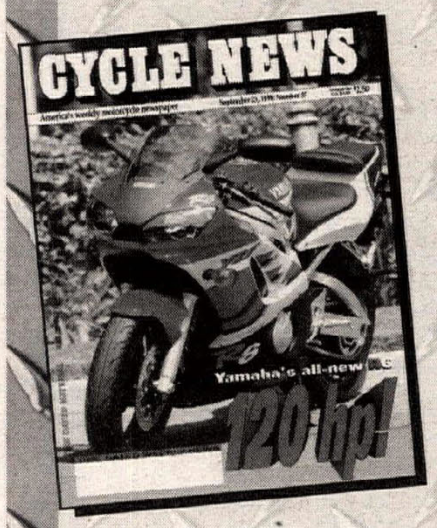

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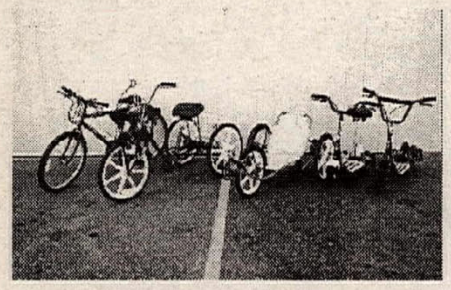

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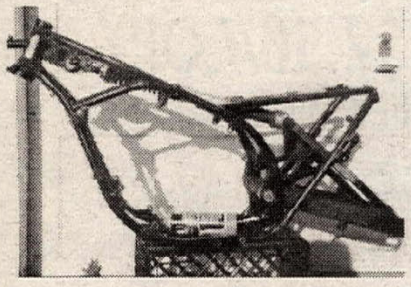

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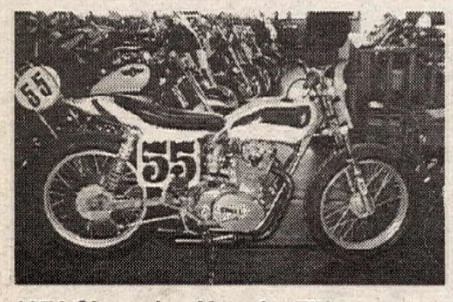

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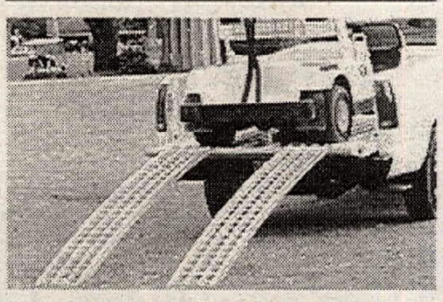

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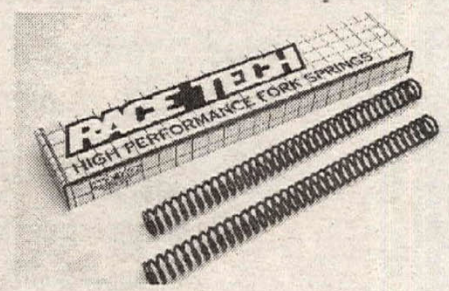

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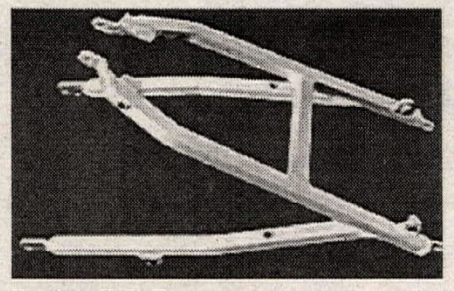

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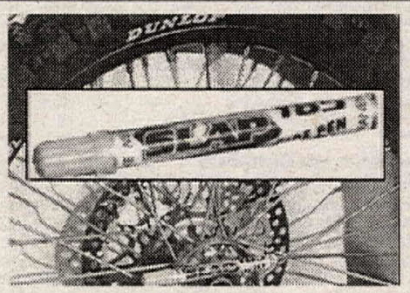

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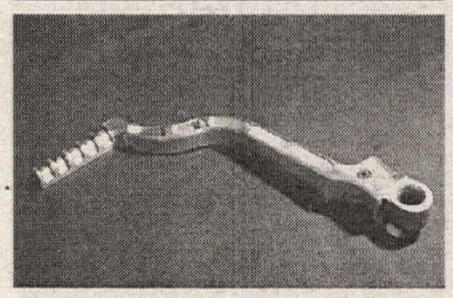

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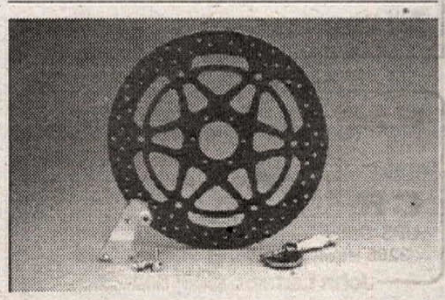

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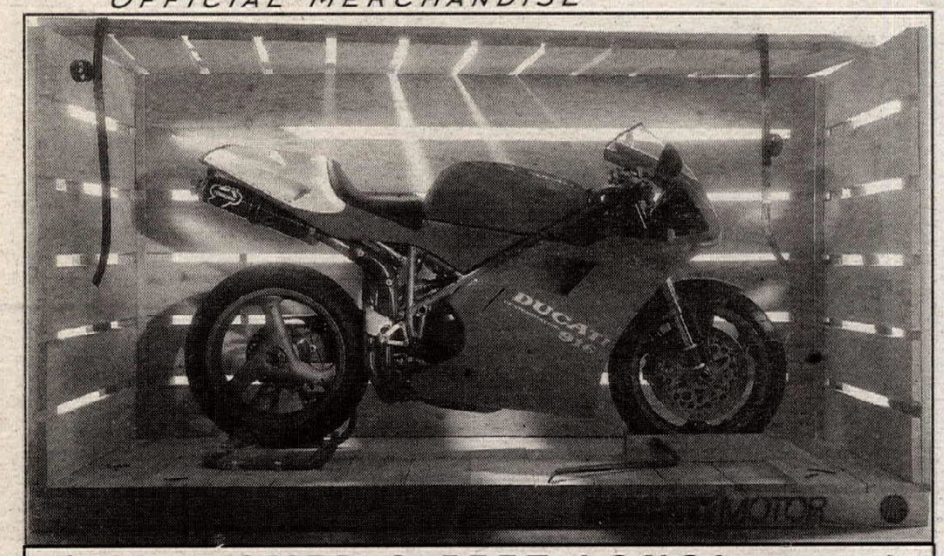

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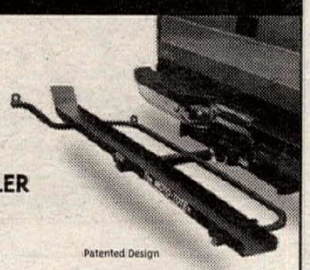

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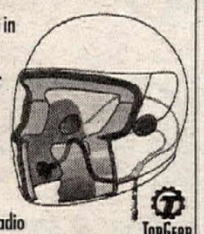

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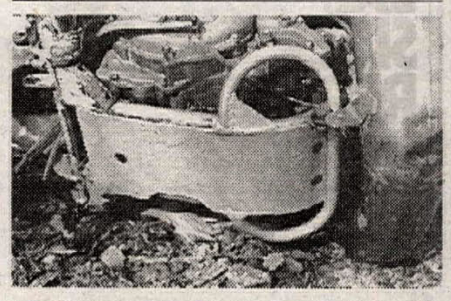

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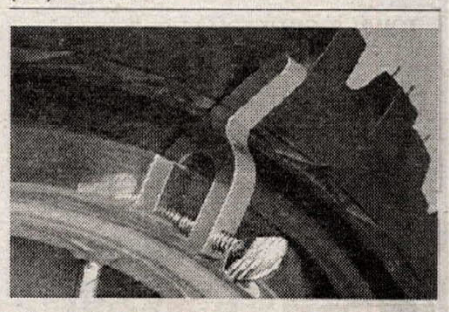

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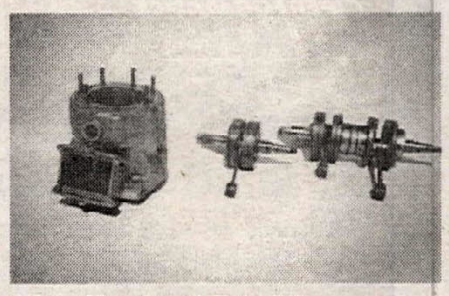

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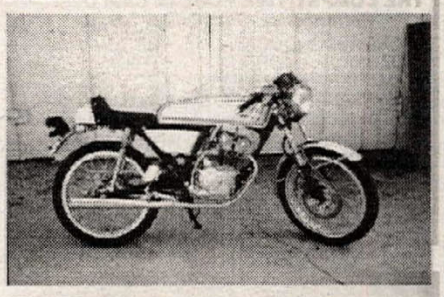

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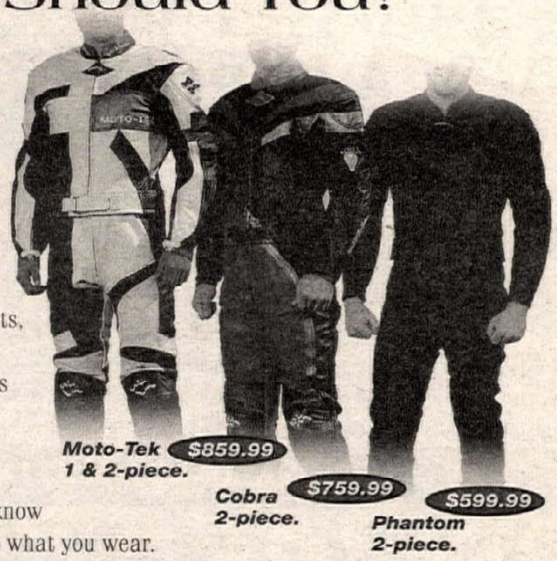

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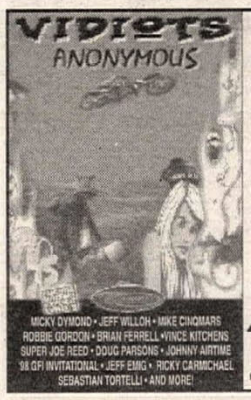

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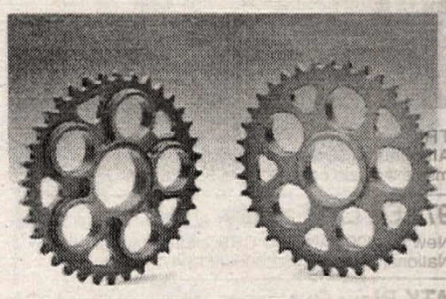

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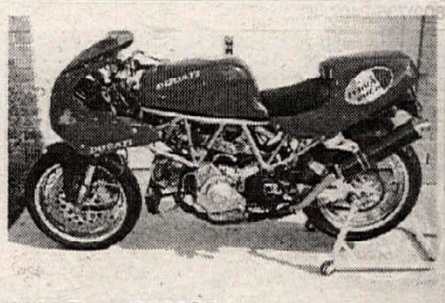

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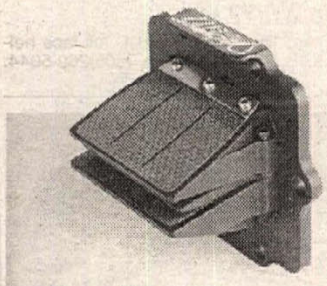

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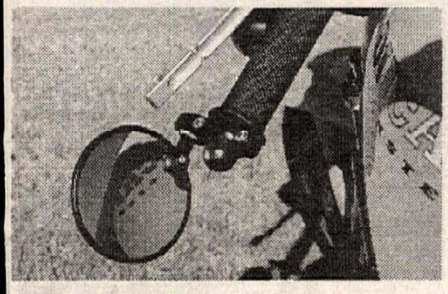

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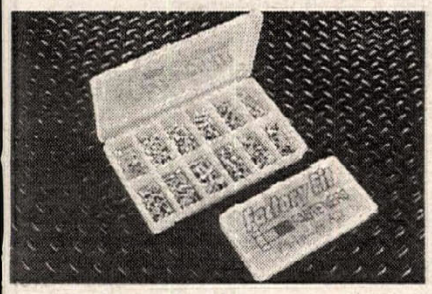

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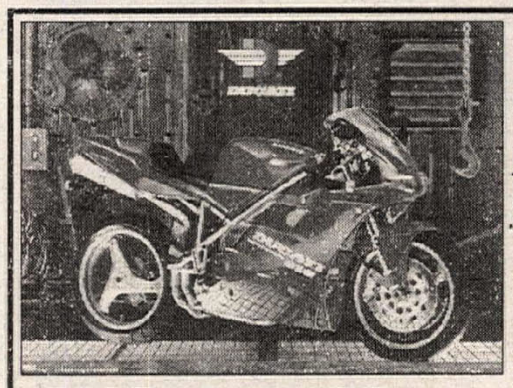

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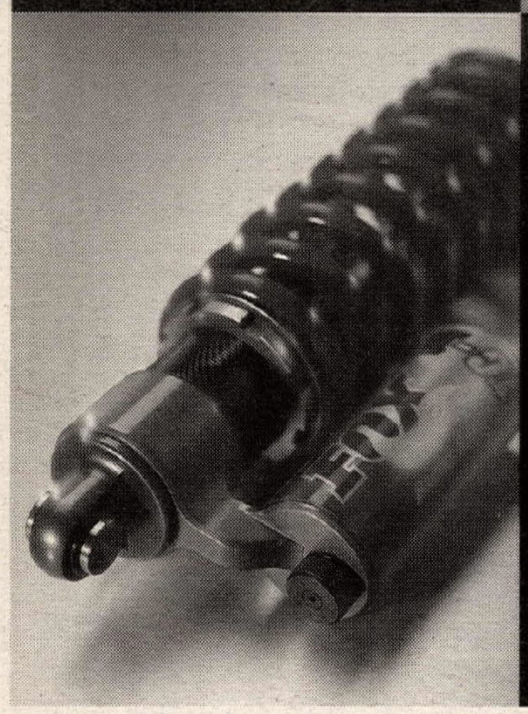

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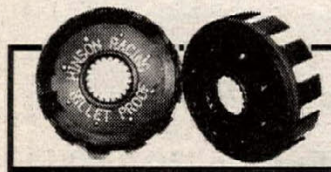

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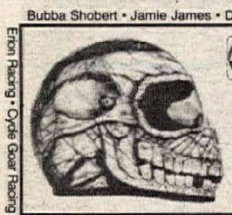

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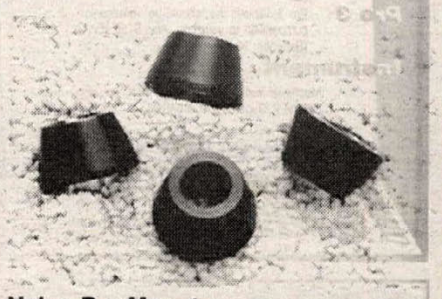

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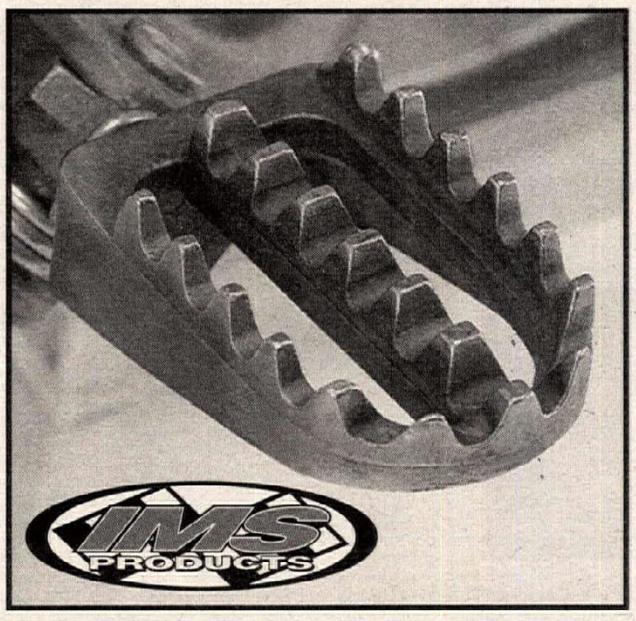

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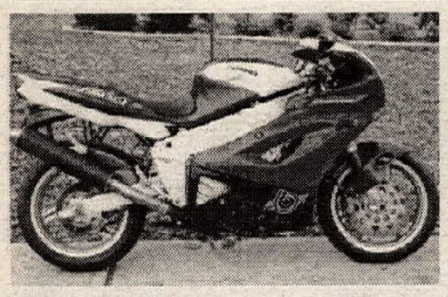

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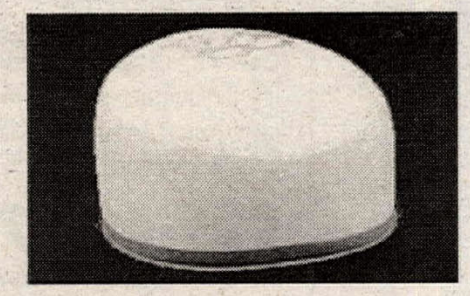

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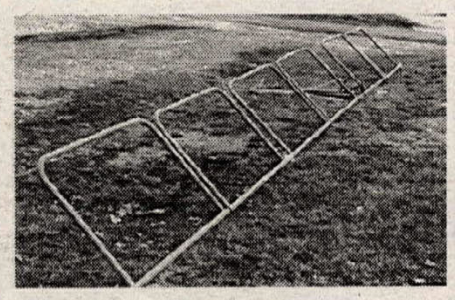

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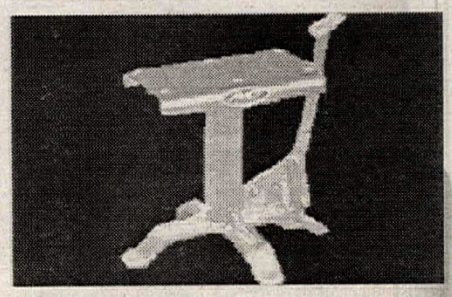

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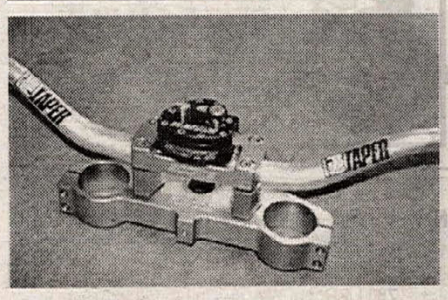

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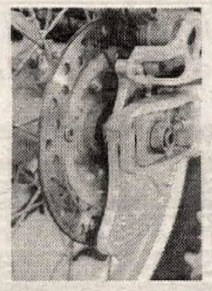

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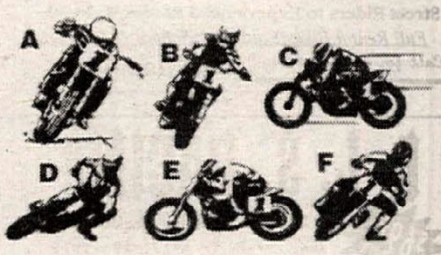

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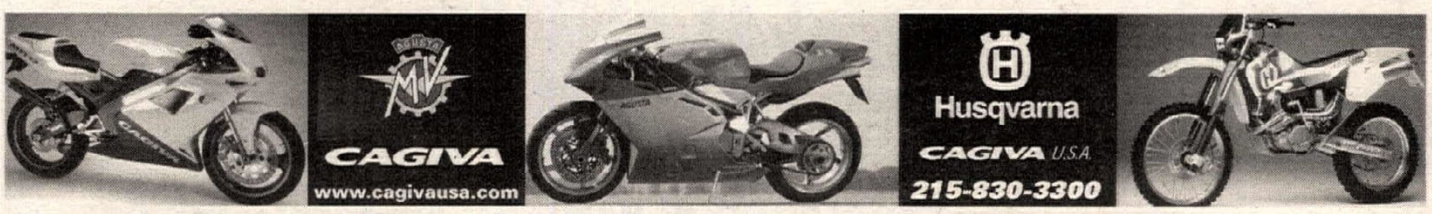

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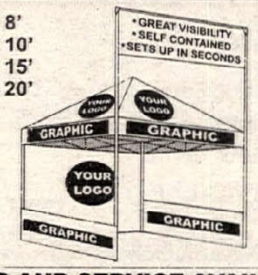

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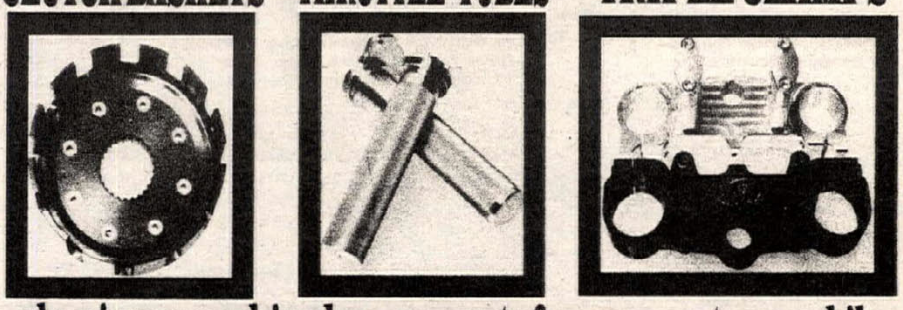

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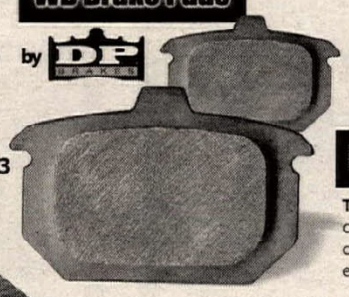

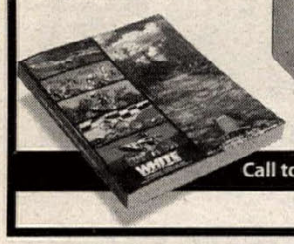

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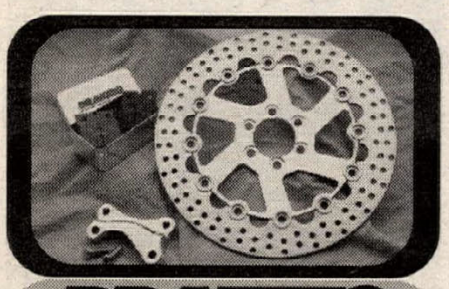

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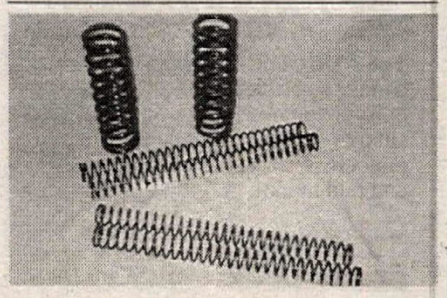

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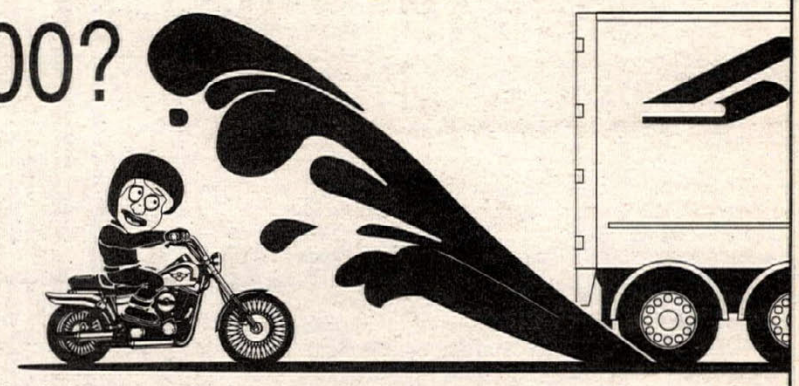

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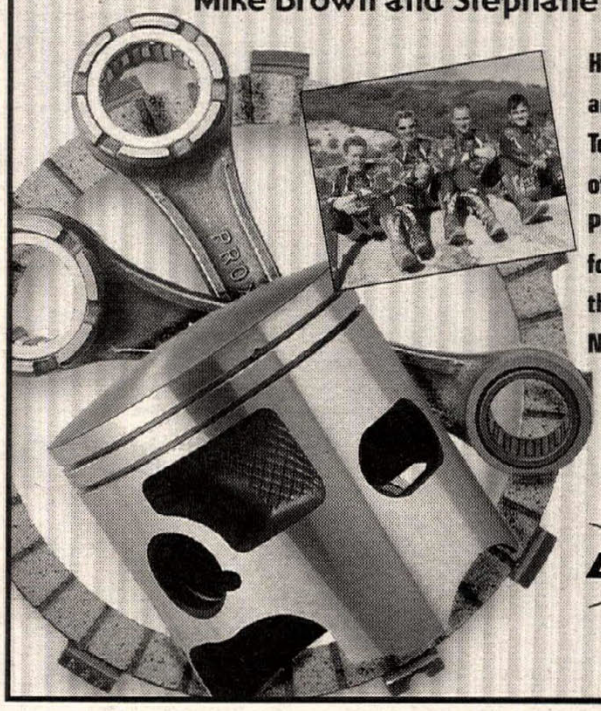

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RIDERS MEETING

BY DALE SPANGLER

It's amazing to me how the seasons go by so quickly. Just yesterday, it seemed like Jeremy McGrath had clinched the AMA Supercross title and the outdoor season was set to begin. Now the outdoor season has come and gone, Christmas is around the corner and the 1999 Supercross season is only a short time away.

With the motocross silly season now over, as well as the off-season European Supercross races, the question comes to mind: Who will be the man to beat in 1999? There's no arguing that the 1998 season was an exciting year for both supercross and motocross. With Jeremy McGrath making his way back to the top of the supercross podium and the inspiring AMA 250cc National Championship won by everyone's hero, Doug Henry, racing as a whole was exciting. And, oh yes, let's not forget about Ricky Carmichael: two full seasons and two AMA 125cc National Championships and an Eastern Regional Supercross title. What a year 1998 was.

So who will be the rider to beat come the opening AMA Supercross round in Anaheim on January 9? The list of potential winners is mind-boggling, and 1999 could prove to be the best year to date. Besides the riders and teams, supercross as a whole has a lot going for it at the moment. With the first round of the series scheduled just next month, let's take a look at what's in store for the 1999 AMA Supercross season and its racers.

If you look at the off-season European races, Team Suzuki is looking very good at the moment. Larry Ward, of course, is always the man to beat in European supercross, and this year was no different. He added the King of Bercy title to his large list of European supercross wins, as well as a third straight Fastcross win this year. Ward is always a threat for the title. Greg Albertyn has another year remaining on his contract, and he will again be competing aboard his familiar factory Suzuki. How about Robbie Reynard, though? The newly signed factory Suzuki pilot just wrapped up the World Supercross title and was the dominant rider in the series - winning four out of the six main events. If I had to pick one rider who is carrying the most momentum at the moment, it would have to be Reynard. Either way, Team Suzuki is looking good.

Of course, McGrath can never be counted out. His European off-season was a little up-and-down, but when the Anaheim event rolls around, you can rest assured he will be ready for battle. He will be back aboard his now-familiar Chaparral Yamaha, with former Honda teammate Steve Lamson now on board. With Jeremy's supercross-only deal, you can be sure he will be going all out in 1999, while Lamson would like to put his last few years behind him with a fresh start on a new team.

Look for Team Honda to be back with a vengeance in 1999. Ezra Lusk will return for a second year on his CR250 and can never be counted out for a main-event win. The surprise, however, is the signing of new teammates Kevin Windham, Sebastien Tortelli and Mickael Pichon. There is no shortage of talent here, and it seems like Honda has pulled out all the stops for next year in an all-out effort to regain the supercross title they have lost in the last few years. Between the four of these riders, there is the potential for a lot of red on the podium in 1999.

In the Kawasaki camp, naturally, Jeff Emig will be back, as will Damon Huffman. Both were plagued with injury problems this year, but you can't count either of them out. Emig rebounded in this year's outdoor season with the speed that took him to both the 1997 Supercross and National MX titles. Huffman returned to action, most recently winning the inaugural U.S. Open of Supercross, and he is still one of the smoothest riders on the track at any given moment. The big news at Kawasaki, though, has to be hotshot Carmichael. Carmichael is slated to race the first few rounds of the 1999 250cc Supercross Series, and if his track record to date is any indication, look out, veterans, because there could be a new kid on the block.

The Yamaha camp seems to be the team that suffered the most in regard to its prospects for the 1999 season. Henry surprised everyone by saying he will race only in selected supercross and outdoor races in 1999, and Windham jumped ship to Honda in a move that is still being disputed in court. John Dowd will be back, and if anyone deserves to be there, it's the 1998 Western Region 125cc Supercross Champion. Whether or not it will be in the 250cc class, where he belongs, remains to be seen. A new addition to Yamaha is former Chaparral rider Jimmy Button. After the news regarding Henry, Yamaha was sent scrambling for a rider for the YZ400 four-stroke. In a showdown with Mike Brown for the ride, Button was given the job.

The trend of European riders racing in the series seems to be gaining momentum as well, with Sebastien Tortelli joining the series full time in 1999 and hotshot David Vuillemin returning in a part-time role. The big news, however, is the possibility of two-time 125cc World Champion Alessio Chiodi coming over to race a few rounds of the 125cc Western Regional series. The popular Italian Husqvarna factory rider has always wanted to race in American Supercross and may very well be the rider to start an Italian assault on U.S. Supercross racing - much as the French have done in the past few years.

With all this talent, it becomes mind-boggling to think about who will be the man to win in Anaheim. Did I say Anaheim? That's right, 1999 will see the opening round returning to Southern California, and the riders and teams seem excited about it. Not only will the racing be exciting from the point of view of the riders, but supercross in 1999 will be special for a lot of reasons.

One of those reasons is that this is the 25th anniversary of Supercross racing. Judging from the acceptance of the 1998 series, this could be the start of the exposure the sport has always deserved. This past season saw the first major television appearance of supercross racing on ABC, and the ratings were good enough to provide the possibility of two events being televised on the network in 1999. This could truly be the year of supercross - and what better timing than on the 25th anniversary of its origin?

Series sponsorship is also up, and Toyota Trucks will be returning as the headline sponsor, along with Parts Unlimited. Combining its efforts with those of the AMA, PACE Motor Sports has done a great job of taking supercross to the next level, and with the way things are going, the sky is the limit.

So what does this all mean? Simple: This will be the most exciting year to date in AMA Supercross racing, and come January 9, rain or shine, all the gossip will be over. The team rosters will be set and the series sponsors will be lined up. The gate will drop at Anaheim for the start of the 25th season of supercross racing, and I know I will be anxious to see who hits the first turn in the lead - as will all those in a stadium packed full of crazed supercross racing fans. So whether you've got the best seat in the house or you're sitting at your computer, stayed tuned. Supercross '99 is just around the corner. CN

LOOKING BACK...

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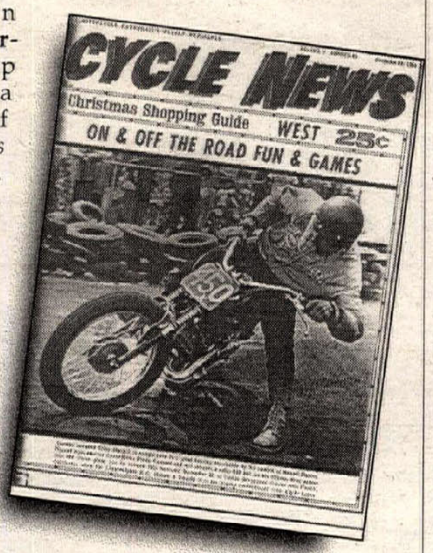
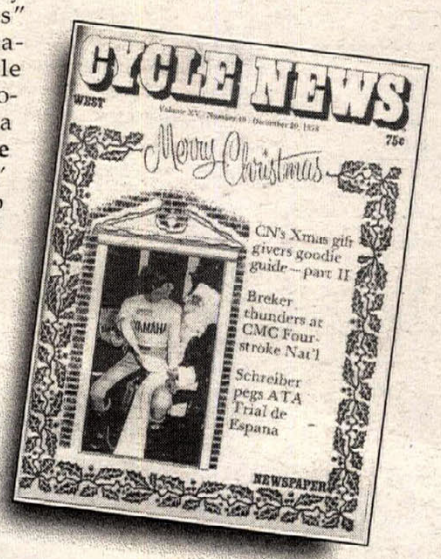


Lensman **Manuel Burton** picked up another $10 as a repeat winner of the *Cycle News* photo contest. This time, Burton captured a sliding **Steve Sturgill**, who was Yamaha-mounted... The **Inter-Am motocross series** was winding to a close, and the final round at Saddleback Park drew a healthy crowd of 22,000 fans. **Adolf Weil** (Mai) was the man to beat in both the 250cc and 500cc classes; the German rode to an incredible sweep. But perhaps even more interesting was the fact that several top names from other facets of the sport were on hand to compete. Dirt track and road race guys such as **John Hately**, **Dick Mann** and **Dave Aldana** were suited up and trying their darnedest to uphold American honor against the Europeans. Factory Montesa rider **Ron Nelson** was the top-placing American in the 500cc ranks, however, finishing fourth.

20 YEARS AGO... DECEMBER 20, 1978



Our "Merry Christmas" issue featured a cute little snapshot of factory Yamaha motocrosser **Mike Bell** parked on ol' St. Nick's lap with a long Christmas list. We can only guess that Bell was asking for a National title or two... **Goat Breker** (CCM) didn't have much practice time on his motorcycle when he went to the CMC Four-Stroke Nationals and blew away the Pro class. **Tim Lunde** (Suz) was second, and **Marty Moates** (Hon), who was destined to have a real good day at Carlsbad in the summer of 1980, finished third... **Bernie Schreiber** (Bul) won the ATA's ninth annual **El Trial de Espana** at Saddleback Park... **Jim Tarantino** (Suz) was also making news at the Saddleback MX, as the local pro waxed 'em in the 250cc Pro ranks during the CRC-sanctioned event.

10 YEARS AGO... DECEMBER 14, 1988

Florida was apparently the place to be in the winter, as the **Florida Winter Olympics** motocross event drew some 2400 entrants from 37 states. Riders such as **Greg Rand**, **Butch Smith**, **Robbie Reynard** and **Kevin Windham** were dicing it out for amateur- and mini-class supremacy... **Kevin Schwantz** (Suz) destroyed the competition en route to victory at the Macau 500cc Grand Prix... **Damon Bradshaw** (Yam) pulled off a shock victory at the Osaka, Japan, supercross, and **Jeff Ward** (Kaw) won in Tokyo seven days later... **Honda** took out a nice four-color win ad, celebrating the Barstow-to-Vegas victory of team rider **Bruce Ogilvie**... Approximately 300 dual-sport riders assembled and plotted their courses during the fifth annual Los Angeles-Barstow-to-Vegas dual-sport ride. It wasn't a competitive event, but if it had been, you can bet that *Cycle News* western advertising manager Mark Thome would have won it. CN

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